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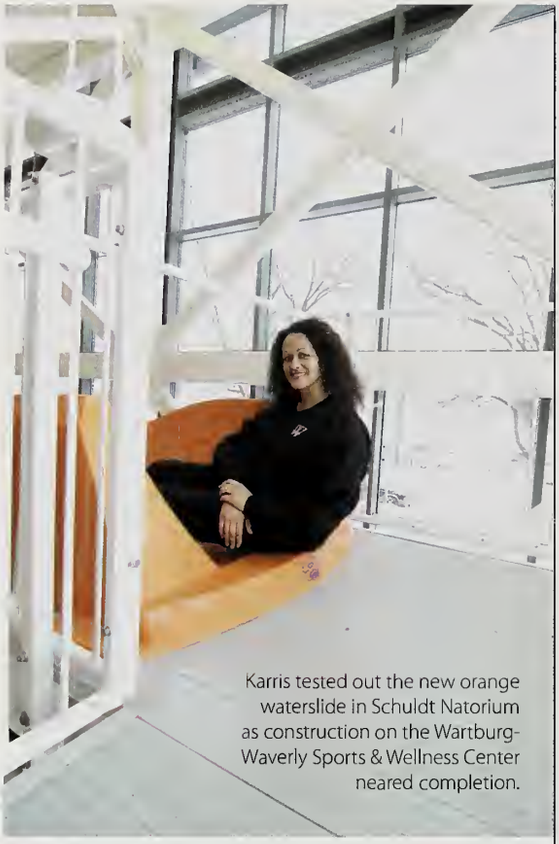

Karris tested out the new orange waterslide in Schuldt Natorium as construction on the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center neared completion.

From the Editor

Dear Readers:

One of the blessings of working here are the opportunities to teach, both in work-study situations and as an adjunct instructor.

As you've no doubt seen, several of our work-study students have written and taken photos for *Wartburg Magazine*. Over the years, the staff and I have been excited to see communication arts, English, education—even biology majors!—blossom into great writers and photographers.

This issue will boast the largest number of student writers to date. During Fall Term 2007, I taught Advanced News Writing and Computer Assisted Reporting. The course introduced me to nine students who represent the best Wartburg has to offer.

Ultimately, I decided to ask the students to write about The W for their final projects and they rose to the challenge. The results begin on page 2.

In addition to the magazine, the class' work appeared in special newspaper sections in the *Waverly Newspapers* and *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier*. Writers pictured below in Levick Arena include Roland Ferrie '08 of Cresco, Iowa; Whitney Free '08 of Lanark, Ill.; Kaci Hanson '08 of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Sarah Moon '09 of Richfield, Minn.; Sneha Pradhan '08 of Kathmandu, Nepal; Pam Rodgers '09 of Garwin, Iowa; Steffani Tollefson '09 of Cambridge, Minn.; Josh Urban '08 of Elgin, Iowa; and Mekea Williamson '08 of Chicago, Ill. I remain impressed by these women and men; the stories in this issue are just a glimpse of the outstanding work of which they are capable.

I was equally impressed by Dr. Caroline Boehnke-Becker '83, a member of the Commission on Mission Faith Task Force. As you'll read on page 20, hers is a unique and amazing story. Go on to page 28 to learn more about the Commission on Mission and the next strategic planning process for Wartburg's continued advancement. Through this learning process about the college's missional concepts, input from alumni, faculty, staff and students will continue to be integral.

If you have ideas, questions or comments, please contact me.

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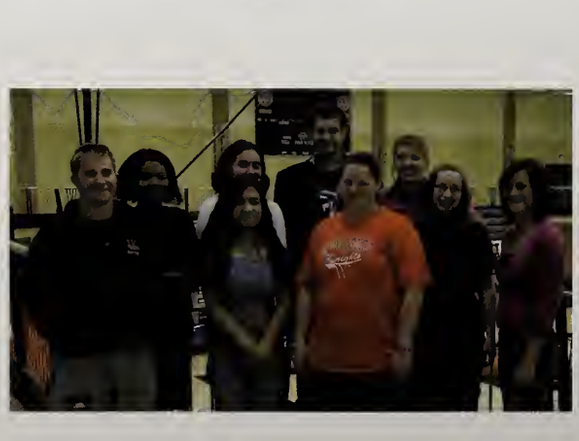

Students in Advanced News Writing and Computer Assisted Reporting wrote features about The W for this issue. They are, front row, from left: Josh Urban '08, Mekea Williamson '08, Sneha Pradhan '08, Pam Rodgers '09, Whitney Free '08 and Steffanie Tollefson '08. Back row, from left: Sarah Moon '08, Roland Ferrie '08 and Kaci Hanson '08. (Karris taught the course during Fall Term 2007.)

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On the cover:
Heather Zajicek '04 assistant director of The W for aquatics, shoots out from beneath the water in the Schuldt Natatorium. Photo by Greg Brown

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WOW FACTOR

Take a look inside The W

by Roland Ferrie '08

Wartburg has a special reason to celebrate the completion of the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center, said President Jack R. Ohle.

"The W was made possible through a unique partnership, which will benefit both Wartburg College and the City of Waverly," Ohle explained.

Waverly Mayor Ivan "Ike" Ackerman agrees.

"The opening of The W marks what is perhaps the biggest and best demonstration of the wonderful 'town and gown' relationship enjoyed by Wartburg College and the community of Waverly," he said. "This amazing facility will become a point of pride for our citizens."

In addition to offering Schuldt Natatorium, Waverly's first indoor aquatics center, a state of the art Fitness Center and a new local eatery, the Zesty Orange, the building is one of the largest and most advanced NCAA Division III facilities in the nation, Ohle said.

"The W is far more technologically advanced than the former Physical Education Center," Ohle added. "It will be open more than 100 hours per week and offer dozens of fitness and wellness options."

Jim Langel, executive director of The W, is excited about the possibilities the facility offers.

"We have everything under one roof," he said.

The W has created more than 100 new full- and part-time jobs as well.

"I'm very proud to work with such an amazing staff and just as proud to be involved with this partnership between Wartburg and the community," Langel said. "People keep saying 'Wartburg and Waverly do things right,' and this project is a great example of forward thinking and cooperation."

Ferrie is a communication arts major from Cresco, Iowa.

To give perspective on the size and scale of The W, it's important to note it could easily hold more than 133 1,500-square-foot houses.

Breaking it down
Natatorium: 173,000-gallon capacity (That's more than 4,800 bathtubs full of water!)
25-yard regulation, six-lane pool
Zero-depth entry
Two-story orange water slide
Wet classroom adjacent to the pool

Power:
The W has incorporated at least 27 Leadership in Energy and Environmental (LEED) design aspects. LEED is the nationally recognized benchmark of design for construction of high efficiency buildings. These principles encourage and accelerate global adoption of sustainable "green" building practices.
Wartburg purchases wind energy to offset The W's carbon footprint.

Hours:
The W is open more than 100 hours per week.

Construction:
An average of 75-80 workers were on site every day since construction began in March 2006.

Tech specs:
The W is air conditioned
The W's roof spans almost three acres
The Hall of Champions stretches 166 yards
The building includes 62,000 square feet of synthetic floor surfaces
The W incorporates 25,000 square feet of wood flooring
A total of 515 lockers are available

The numbers:
20 basketball hoops
4 batting cages
1,800 capacity in Levick Arena
230 doors
1,600 fire sprinklers
7 miles of copper and cast iron pipe
1,650 tons of structural steel
6,000 cubic yards of concrete, or a 4' wide 24-mile sidewalk

Photos by Greg Brown

DIVE IN

The W offers Waverly's first indoor pool

by Steffani Tollefson '09

From a waterslide to a sauna, Schuldt Natatorium offers something for everyone.

"It's a multifunctional facility," said Heather Zajicek '04, The W assistant director for aquatics. "In addition to open swim times, we offer a variety of fitness classes and many levels of swimming lessons."

The pool is 25 yards long, six-lanes wide and 6-feet deep. Guests can choose to enter the pool either through the deep end, the orange waterslide or the walk-in, zero-depth entry along the side of the pool.

There are two sitting areas at the bottom of the zero-depth entry. Zajicek suggests these areas will be great for kids to play, because they are near the waterslide's splash-down area. She also envisions water shooting out, creating an arch over the sitting areas.

Schuldt Natatorium also includes a "wet classroom," where some training sessions and meetings will take place. The wet classroom is also available for party rentals.

Two large windows on the classroom's west side face the pool, making it easier to supervise children without sitting directly by the pool.

"We don't allow food and drink near the pool. However, the classroom will allow you to bring food, drink and what have you for party rentals," Zajicek explained. "You will also be able to decorate in the classroom. So kids will be able to run in there, grab a piece of cake, eat it, kind of mess up that area, then come back out to the pool and go back to having fun."

The 11-person hot tub is next to the pool, straight ahead of the zero-depth entry, creating easy access. The saunas are located near the pool as well.

Pool Schedule

Monday–Friday 5:45–7:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., 4–8 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sunday 2–8 p.m.

Schuldt Natatorium also includes a vortex pool, which is nearly 4-feet deep. This circular pool creates a current so users can either walk with the current for ease or against the current to create resistance. Some of the center's H_2O Fitness Classes will take place in the vortex pool.

Tollefson is a communication arts major, with emphases in electronic and print media, from Cambridge, Minn.

Healthy restaurant adds 'zest' to The W

by Mekea Williamson '08

Waverly's newest restaurant is an important feature of one of the nation's largest NCAA Division III facilities.

The Zesty Orange is an important addition to the community, giving the area the only wellness center with an eatery. You can enter all areas without a membership or guest pass.

The Zesty Orange offers a daily menu with health-conscious meals.

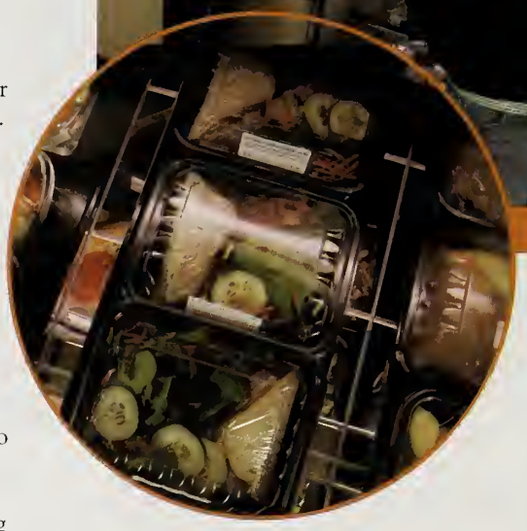
Healthy dishes on the menu include a variety of smoothies, three to four different salads, two types of soup, fruit packs and yogurt parfaits. The daily menu consists of other various healthy choices.

The Zesty Orange Concession also is open to customers at large events.

Margaret Empie, director of Wartburg dining services, said the Zesty Orange events fare differs from the restaurant's menu by offering more traditional concession food.

"This meets the needs of customers and allows them to get back to their activities sooner," said Empie.

The Zesty Orange is Wartburg's newest eatery.



The concessions menu doesn't defeat the purpose of the healthy lifestyles The W promotes, said James Huffman, assistant director of retail and dining services. Instead, it allows crowds an option if they are only interested in getting a quick snack to take back to a game.

"Say there's a basketball tournament. It's pretty hard to have a concession and regular menu open when you have several hundred people to serve," Huffman explained. "So we narrowed our menu to best serve the people."

The concession menu includes hot dogs, bratwurst, nachos, popcorn, fountain drinks or bottled beverages, said Huffman.

"We want to promote health and wellness, but we're also aware that sometimes people want a hot dog," he said. "We are trying to keep on the healthy side, but we had people say they want the other side. So we mixed it [the menu] to have a variety."

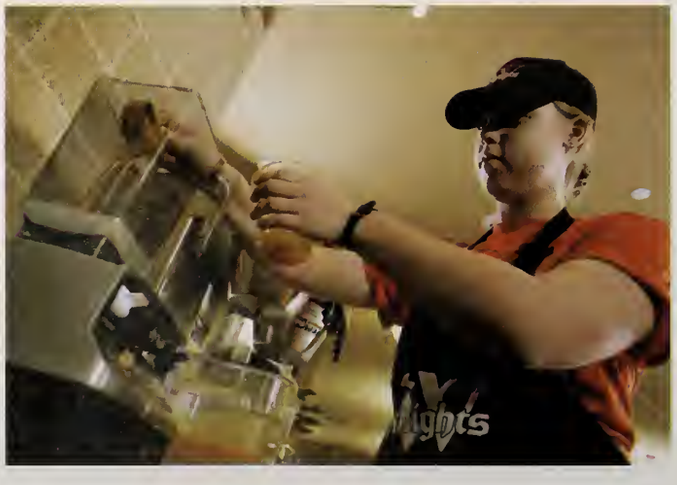
The goal of the concession stand is to make it easy for people using the facility to stop by to pick up a meal or beverage when they are done, Empie added.

Anna Epley, the Zesty Orange supervisor, likes her job and working with the restaurant's customers. She has eight years experience as a Wartburg dining services supervisor.

Her staff includes Bev Darrow and Darlene Brandt, as well as 10 to 15 students.

Epley previously worked in Den-Rittersaal in Saemann Student Center. She wants customers to feel welcomed by the friendly staff and willingness to serve.

Williamson is a communication arts major from Chicago, Ill.



Kirstin Carlson '10 of New Hope, Minn., is among the Zesty Orange's student employees.

Photos by Greg Brown

Equal opportunities

The W provides dual spaces for members, student-athletes

by Pam Rodgers '09

Wartburg coaches note that The W offers everything each sport needs to help student-athletes succeed.

However, The W is structured in a way that allows members from the community and non-student-athletes to forgo worries about being "overrun" by college athletic programs.

"There is a lot of duplicate space," said Gary Grace, Wartburg vice president for administration. "That's why there are two wood-floor gyms, two tracks, separate sauna and steam rooms, separate weight-training areas and two kinds of pool areas. We looked at what will meet the needs of both the community and college and tried to incorporate that intentionally in the design."

The size of The W was determined by the need to accommodate both intercollegiate athletic and community programs.

"The building is 200,000 square feet because it was intentionally designed to meet the needs of both student-athletes and members from the community," Grace said.

The W provides separate services for members and intercollegiate athletics, Grace added. As a result, members don't have to plan workout schedules around athletic events and practices.

Schuldt Natatorium

It includes six lanes and provides an extra training option for athletic teams. However, much of the pool's programming will focus on recreation, with a two-story orange water slide and general pool area.

"The pool is a wonderful addition to the entire community," said Jim Langel, executive director of The W. "It will allow for the community to have year-round swimming lessons, a swim club and all of the classes, lap swim, and open-swim opportunities it will bring the community."

Schuldt Natatorium was designed to be a busy place, Langel added.

"The way the facility is constructed will allow us to offer multiple activities at the same time," he said. "We could have lap swim going on in one section of the pool and open swimming in another while accommodating a water aerobics class in a third area."

Fitness Center

According to The W, the varied machinery offers plentiful choices for members and day-pass users. The Fitness Center is off limits to team practices.

"There are no athletic practices in that room at any time," said Langel. "This will assure the community they will have plenty of room and equipment to use for their workouts."

The only time student-athletes are allowed to use the Fitness Area is as members, like other students. The Fitness Center also offers a stretching area and other workout areas.

Also housed in the Fitness Center are free weights and stacked weight equipment, which serve as The W's second weight-training area. This area is for The W members, while the Don Canfield Strength & Conditioning Room is for athletic team practices.

Center Court

The Center Court will provide sports possibilities to members and day-pass users. Its wooden floor is similar to the one in the competition gym, Levick Arena.

"The Center Court can host anything—a number of different activities—and will mainly be used for basketball and volleyball." Langel said. "It provides the flexibility to have court space available even if there are athletic practices (or other events) going on at the same time. That area also provides two racquetball courts and the golfing area."

The floor surrounding Center Court includes a walking/jogging track.

"The jogging track is designed for the person who wants to walk or jog but can't use the Field House due to another activity, such as track practice or a tennis meet." Langel said. "This area will be open any time the building is open to assure people can walk or jog inside. It is not as big as the Field House track, but is a good alternative for the walker or jogger."

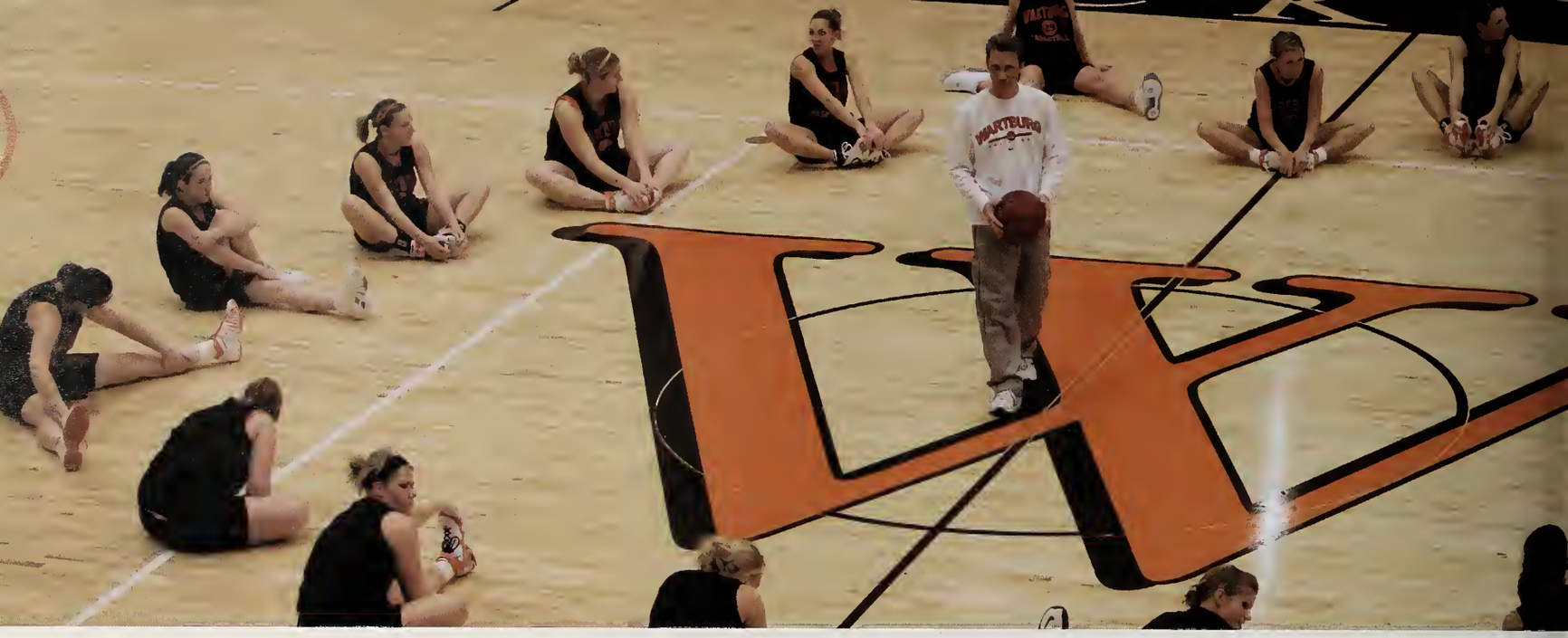
The court area highlights the flexibility of The W's multiple facilities, Langel said.

Field House

The Field House has a full 200-meter competition track that will serve as the venue for home sporting events and general use by the public. It also has four multipurpose courts in the center of the track that will host a number of activities.

"With the curtain system dividing the courts, we will be able to have different sports or activities side by side," Langel said. "It is also large enough to allow us to host a sports clinic, such as baseball, in half of the Field House and have recreational activities, such as basketball, volleyball or tennis, going on in the other half."

Rodgers is a communication arts major from Garwin, Iowa.



The W provides many options for women's athletics

by Kaci Hanson '08

Competition always has been the name of the game, whether it's on the court or in admissions offices.

Wartburg looks to score in recruitment with The W. And it's no longer a battle of the sexes for machines or facilities, because The W features weights, trainers and facilities specific to female student-athletes.

Women's basketball coach Bob Amsberry believes the updated facilities help his team keep up with the nature of college basketball and staying competitive with recruiting.

> *"I think the facility itself is cutting edge. We have the best of everything."*
>
> – Bob Amsberry
> women's basketball coach

Like other women's sports, the basketball team uses the arena, weight room, athletic training room and Center Court, the auxiliary gym. They are the only women's athletic team with their own locker room, too. The dual team locker room includes wooden lockers and a mounted television on the wall to watch game tapes.

The biggest relief for Amsberry's squad is finally having a court to call home. After a year of traveling to Cedar Falls for home games, his team has plenty of hoops to practice its game. It all has built up to the excitement that echoed at its first home games this year.

"The atmosphere we have here with home games is better than what other people have," he said.

Volleyball coach Jennifer Walker agrees. The Wartburg home volleyball tournament was the first event that took place in Levick Arena.

"We had a great crowd, and the arena carried the noise really well," she said. "It was fun to be a part of that moment."

Her team will use the Field House and Aquatics Center for conditioning. A couple of unique features in the arena for volleyball are the drop–down game net and a female strength and conditioning coach.

For coaches, the most welcomed improvement at The W is the additional practice courts. Walker also enjoys the better lighting and higher ceiling to avoid interference with any play.

Tennis coach Ben Oestreich is most excited about the indoor tennis courts, which will play more "true" because they offer a tennis surface instead of the old basketball surface. This will have the greatest impact on how his team practices and prepares for competition.

"The biggest difference will be seen in a few years after our student-athletes have been able to utilize the facility year-round," he said. "After a few seasons of continuous hitting, hopefully our team record will reflect our efforts."

Oestreich finds his team's competitive edge in the additional staff and facilities for supervised off-season workouts.

"This helps our team continue to build its bodies as well as the team chemistry as they work out together throughout the year."

With the new facilities creating equal practice time for both men and women's sports, women's athletic coaches anticipate great improvements in their programs.

"The W has the potential to help our women's tennis team reach new heights, with increased court time and fitness facilities," Oestreich said. "It's fantastic to remove obstacles to success. The W can do more than remove an obstacle; it can give us a leg up."

Amsberry agrees. "The facilities are really incredible," he said. "It's awesome to be able to walk out of my office and into practice."

Hanson is a communication arts and writing major from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Photo by Greg Brown

WOW FACTOR

not lost on male student-athletes

by Mark Adkins '90

Brad Schmitt '08 and Brian Borchers '08 understand what President Jack R. Ohle means when he says "Wow" about The W.

"It was an amazing sight to see all of our fans right next to the floor at that first Levick Arena game," said Schmitt, a basketball player from St. Lucas, Iowa. "I had been in the building to watch the opening volleyball weekend, and it was amazing then, too. However, to be playing and walk out on the floor to that scene was awesome."

Borchers, a wrestler from Holstein, Iowa, agrees. Due to the number of mats on the arena floor during the Dick Walker Invitational, there was only one set of bleachers on the floor. However, it didn't diminish the impact of fan support, he explained.

"It was still a great feeling to have a full crowd on the one side and people watching from the concourse area," he said.

Beyond the pluses competition-wise, the two student-athletes also enjoy the practice benefits.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what the indoor track offers our program," said Schmitt, who also runs track for head coach Marcus Newsom's program. "It'll be nice to have our own area again—a little like the former Physical Education Center Field House but a lot bigger. It was cold at times working out for the indoor and outdoor seasons on the outdoor track."

Borchers said the Dick Walker Wrestling Room is "tremendous." "Our temporary area in Players Theatre was pretty chilly at times and cramped," he explained. "Now, I've got the space to be able to work out and do my moves in practice like I need to. It's also been great physically for my knees with the mats we're using in our new room. The whole setup is a positive."

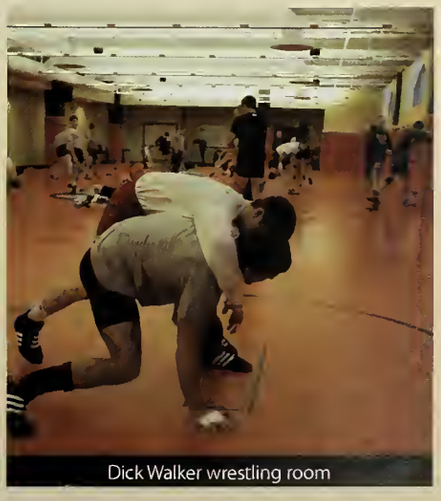
There are also other areas of The W that make Borchers and Schmitt smile.

"That Hall of Fame room is pretty cool," Borchers said. "I'm glad (Wartburg) decided to put part of the old floor from Knights Gymnasium in the new building. It helps connect the two places."

Schmitt looks forward to using the new Schuldt Natatorium. "I love swimming," he said. "It's a great workout in and out of season, and it's just fun."

Adkins is sports information director.

The state-of-the-art Canfield Strength and Conditioning Room, above, offers student-athletes the opportunity to train on- and off-season. The facility on the east edge of the upper concourse of The W, returns weight training to campus. The previous facility was housed off campus.



Dick Walker wrestling room

Q&A with volleyball All-American Ashley Rogers '08 of Dubuque, Iowa

What sport(s) are you involved in at Wartburg?
Softball and volleyball

From an athletic perspective, what is your favorite feature of The W?
I love playing in Levick Arena, because the crowd noise echoes off the walls; it's an unbelievable atmosphere.

What do you feel are the major differences in your sport from the old wellness center to the new one?
Volleyball has a larger area for practice, not to mention the only drop–down net in the conference.

For softball, the larger Field House and the addition of the auxiliary gym, multiple teams and sports are going to be able to practice at the same time, which means teams won't have to practice so late at night.

Does The W give Wartburg female student-athletes an edge over those from other schools?
With an athletic weight room, an auxiliary gym, Levick Arena and Field House, female student-athletes will have plenty of space for team practice and to work on individual skills at the same time.

How will your athletic career be different from those of incoming female student-athletes who will have access to the facility all four years?
Finding space to do off-season workouts was always a challenge during my athletic career. However, incoming female student-athletes will have access to The W. The additional space and athletic weight room of The W will improve off season workouts and student-athletes will be in better shape and prepared when entering their seasons.

Equipment fulfills 'dream list'

by Sneha Pradhan '08

The W's 6,500-square foot Fitness Center includes state-of-the-art exercise equipment.

Located on the facility's northwest side by the member entrance, the Fitness Center is open to members, as well as those who purchase day passes.

The Fitness Center includes 10 treadmills; three upright and four recumbent stationary bicycles; two stair-climbers; nine elliptical machines; and four adaptive motion trainers. The center also offers Pilates equipment, which supports light weight and hamstring exercises.

Each cardiovascular machine is equipped with a flat–screen television with cable TV access.

Equipment manufacturers and suppliers include LifeFitness, Hammer Strength, Second Wind, Precor and Push–Pedal–Pull.

"It was our dream list, and we got our dream list. And we did it under budget," said Jim Langel, executive director of The W. "There is not a facility around that is as nice as this."

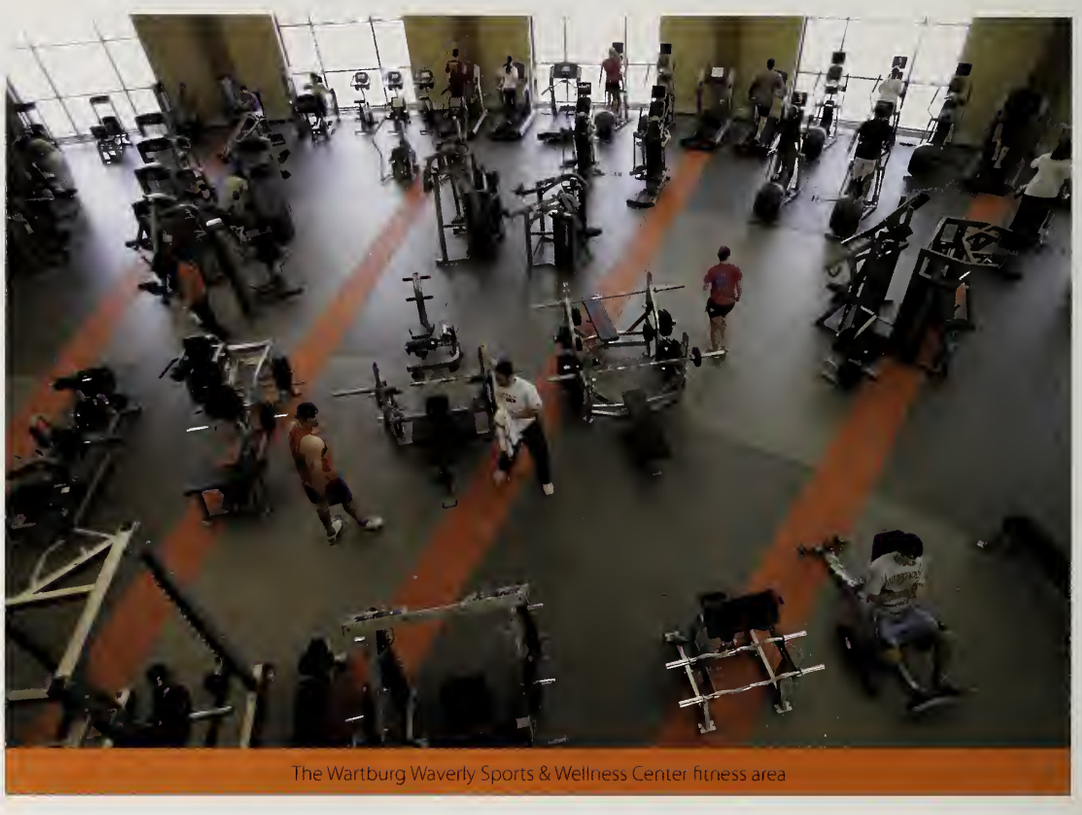
In addition, the center offers 22 Life Fitness Signature Series weight stations. The weight stations have stack plates where weights are adjusted with pins. The equipment is good for a complete body workout, said Langel.

"When you want to work specific areas of the body, it is best to combine both weights and cardio exercises because it is an overall achievement of proper body conditioning rather than one specific area we are looking for," said Nikki Hudnutt, The W assistant director for fitness.

She recommends beginners start with a combination of cardiovascular exercise and weight training. Meanwhile, the hammer-strength equipment is a good fit for people who are more into body building and extensive workout.

"You can target an area of the body; however, the spot reduction theory—if you work a certain area, you lose weight in that area—is a false theory," Hudnutt said. "We have learned through extensive research that working the entire body is the best."

Hudnutt recommends a cardio workout consisting of a variety of cardio machines at different intensities for 45 to 60 minutes three to five days a week. She also suggests a strength-conditioning program two to three days per week focusing on eight to 10 exercises targeting the entire body.



The Wartburg Waverly Sports & Wellness Center fitness area

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> – Jim Langel
> executive director of The W

"We have a variety of weight equipment ranging from free weights to circuit weight machines. Any combination of these weight machines will help with muscle toning," Hudnutt said. "And to best include the weight management, I would use a variety of the cardio pieces as well, like treadmills, stair steppers, stationary bikes and ellipticals."

Langel said the Fitness Center staff will help members and the public work out. Users will also have the option of hiring personal trainers.

"The ease of use and the workout members will receive in the Fitness Center will encourage them to stick with their programs," said Langel.

Pradhan is a communication arts major, with a print media emphasis, from Kathmandu, Nepal.

Putting the 'personal' in personal training

by Sarah Moon '09

The W pairs members with personal trainers, many of whom are Wartburg fitness management majors.

The personal training program gives students the opportunity to get hands-on experience early in their college careers. Students can take a personal training course during their sophomore year.

After Wartburg fitness management majors take the course, they will have the opportunity to job shadow a Fitness Center staff member and start working there.

"That way, when they start looking for jobs they have a lot of good experience behind them," said Nikki Hudnutt, The W assistant director for fitness.

Members have the option of paying an additional fee for personal training. After joining, members complete an optional, complimentary fitness assessment with a personal trainer. The assessment tests an individual's cardiovascular strength and endurance, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, body composition and blood pressure.

If members do not want to complete the free personal assessment, they could still choose to meet with a trainer to talk about their health history and exercise plan.

The personal assessment or health history questions and the clients' goals and objectives help personal trainers determine the best fitness programs for members, said Hudnutt.

Once a member receives a fitness assessment or has answered health history questions, he or she can talk with a personal trainer about putting together an exercise plan. The plan is primarily up to the member and could include running, swimming or lifting weights. Trainers schedule sessions around the members' schedules.

Although many think of a personal trainer as someone who gets people in shape, Hudnutt said it's more than feeling better about yourself.

"They say it takes 12 to 16 weeks to adapt or change your lifestyle," Hudnutt explained. "The more we can keep clients in personal training—the longer they stay in it—hopefully the more committed they will be to exercising on their own. However, it all depends on what the person is looking for."

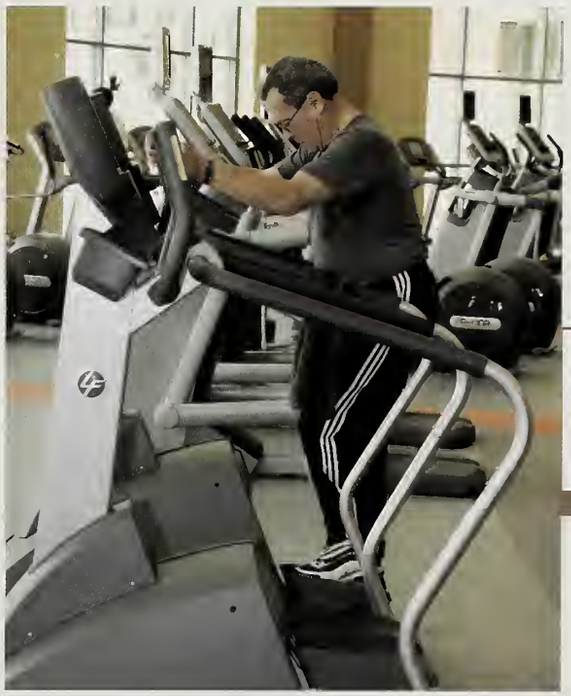
Moon is a communication arts major from Richfield, Minn.

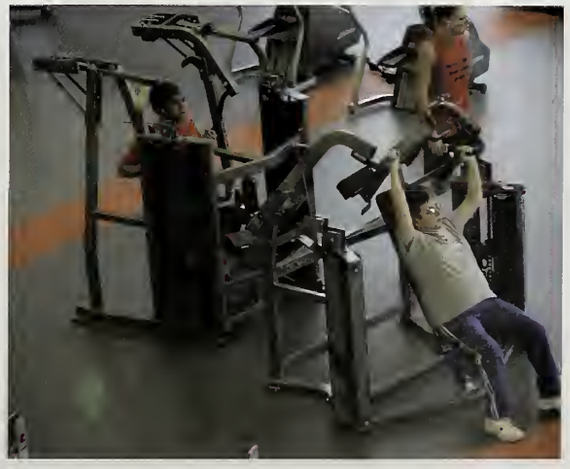
Meet Nikki Hudnutt

Nikki Hudnutt has been teaching group fitness classes since 1992 and has been a certified personal trainer since 1994. She is also certified to teach yoga, group fitness and cycling.

In 1995, Hudnutt graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls with an undergraduate degree in health promotion. After graduation, she ran a fitness center in northwestern Iowa for five years.

She returned to UNI in January 2000, where she earned her master's degree in exercise and fitness management. She also taught personal wellness and basic fitness classes at UNI until July 2005.





The W to offer Waverly area's first climbing wall

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> – Jim Langel

Kayla Rosenbaum '09 of Waucoma, Iowa, steadies herself as she climbs farther up the climbing wall.

Photos by Greg Brown

by Whitney Free '08

One of the newest recreational options to come to the Cedar Valley is The W's 30-foot tall climbing wall.

The wall can hold up to six climbers at one time, and there are no height or weight restrictions. Climbers will utilize equipment such as a harness and rope and will also receive the assistance of a belayer.

The W staff will be trained in belaying and other necessary safety procedures. Sessions in belaying also will be offered so members can become certified.

The climbing wall is open to members three hours per night, five nights per week and five hours on Saturday and Sunday. Members of The W can use the wall for free. Group rentals cost $8 per climber, with a minimum charge of $80 for a two-hour rental. For more than two hours, the rental cost is an additional $4 per climber, per hour. The rental fee includes staffing and equipment.

Justin Jackson, associate director of The W, will oversee the operations of the wall and group rentals. He believes the climbing wall is a great addition to the new facility.

"I think it will add a great look and will be a conversation piece, as it is the first in Waverly," he added.

Jim Langel, executive director of The W, agreed.

"Climbing is a fun activity that is hard to get involved in because there aren't many places locally that offer climbing walls," he said.

"Climbing is a great team–building exercise, and we're hoping area clubs and organizations will take advantage of that."

Prior to The W, the nearest climbing wall was at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. All members of The W can use the wall, as well as people who pay for a guest pass.

The W's wall was ordered from Nicros in St. Paul, Minn., said Jackson. According to the company, construction begins with the erection of primary steel frames. Casting is attached via a secondary frame that is welded to the primary frame. Panels, which are 6 to 7 feet tall and 6 to 7 feet wide, are attached, and embossing closes the gaps. The wall can be modified for different climbing levels by moving the grips.

The W's general contractor, Cardinal Construction, selected Nicros and supervised the company's work, said Gary Grace, Wartburg vice president for administration. "Nicros is an industry leader in the design and construction of climbing walls," he added. "The company has erected climbing walls throughout the United States and in five other countries. Nicros has also put up walls throughout Iowa at Hoover Middle School in Waterloo, Iowa State in Ames, the University of Iowa in Iowa City and Luther College in Decorah."

Free is a communication arts major from Lanark, Ill.

Photos by Greg Brown

Fitness classes complement equipment

by Josh Urban '08

In addition to the equipment and facilities, The W offers aproximately 40 fitness classes per week, and more may be added.

Nikki Hudnutt, assistant director of The W for fitness, oversees fitness classes and group exercise and personal training.

"I really think The W is a great opportunity for the community," said Hudnutt. "The W staff and the college hope these classes will attract a broader audience from the surrounding areas."

The W offers nine different basic fitness classes to all members. There are also six premium fitness classes that require more instruction and equipment. As a result, the classes are offered at an additional fee. The difficulty in these classes ranges between a few levels of fitness, but The W will help find the program that works for you.

There are also a few group workout programs, such as the "Walk-n-Talk" program for senior citizens who meet early mornings to walk the indoor track.

Also available will be certification courses in the areas of group fitness, cycling and yoga. This will be the only facility within an hour to offer all of these certification courses, including all the programs and equipment.

Urban is a communication arts major, with public relations and print media emphases, from Hanover Park, Ill.

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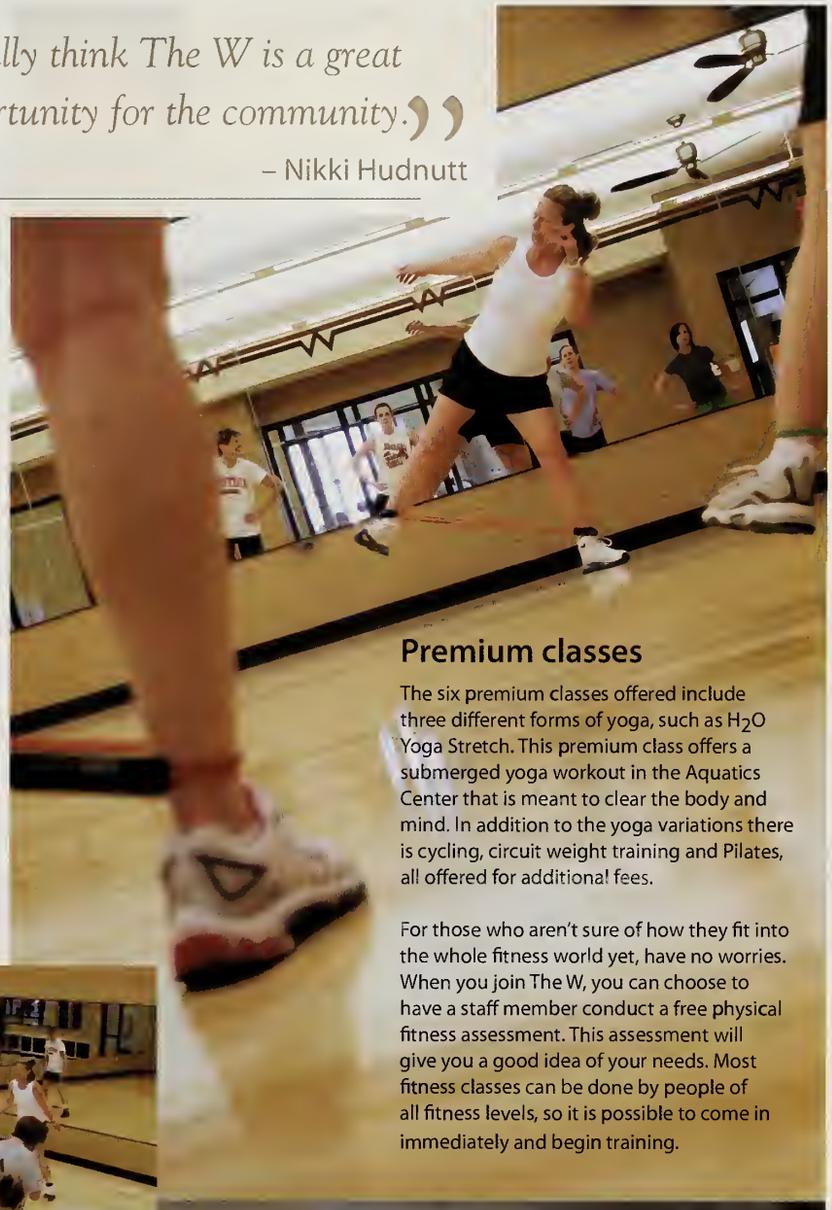

Premium classes

The six premium classes offered include three different forms of yoga, such as H_2O Yoga Stretch. This premium class offers a submerged yoga workout in the Aquatics Center that is meant to clear the body and mind. In addition to the yoga variations there is cycling, circuit weight training and Pilates, all offered for additional fees.

For those who aren't sure of how they fit into the whole fitness world yet, have no worries. When you join The W, you can choose to have a staff member conduct a free physical fitness assessment. This assessment will give you a good idea of your needs. Most fitness classes can be done by people of all fitness levels, so it is possible to come in immediately and begin training.

The W's aerobics classes offer members opportunities like group training (pictured above), cycling and yoga. An added benefit for aerobics enthusiasts is the chance to become a certified instructor.

Certifications offered

In addition to fitness classes, The W also offers training on how to become an instructor. There are classes offered to certify people as yoga, cycling and group fitness instruction. This will be the only place in the area that will offer both yoga classes and instruction year-round.

The W will offer yoga instruction certification at various times throughout the year. Area residents would otherwise have to travel to Cedar Rapids or Dubuque to receive such instruction.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Former, current student-athletes in movie

by Mark Adkins '90

Going to the movies is a new experience for Ryan Grant '07 and Danny Broihier '07.

"The last few times I've taken in a show with friends, I'm always saying, 'Oh, I know they probably did this' or 'They could have done that this way,'" said Broihier, a former Knights baseball player from Davenport, Iowa.

"It's been hard to not look too hard into things when I go to movies now," said Grant of Center Point, Iowa, also a former Wartburg baseball player.

They have good reason to see movies from another angle. The pair, along with Tony Moore '08 of Waterloo, Iowa, went through the experience of a lifetime during their junior and sophomore years, respectively.

Moore answered an advertisement in the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* for film extras for *The Final Season*, which chronicles the success and end of the Norway (Iowa) High School baseball program.

Broihier and Grant got in on the ground floor of the project during their Kirkwood Community College playing days.

The Final Season was released in fall 2007 and stars Powers Boothe as legendary Norway High School head coach Jim Van Scoyoc. Other stars include Sean Astin as Kent Stock, Van Scoyoc's longtime assistant, and Tom Arnold as Burt Akers, one of the parents of a player on the final Norway squad.

"We were fortunate to be playing for Coach Van Scoyoc," Grant said. "He was our pitching coach at Kirkwood. He had been telling all of the guys that a movie was getting ready to go into production about Norway's success, and the story around the end of the program. He wanted us all to think about being involved."

Moore's trek to getting a part in the movie was a bit more involved.

Having not played baseball since his high school days at Waterloo West, he and a friend went to a local ballpark and worked on fielding until dusk several consecutive days prior to his audition.

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> – Tony Moore '08

"It was definitely a little more challenging for me," the former Knights football defensive back said. "The ad stated the production company was looking for young men in my age range who looked the part of a baseball player, but I hadn't played in a while. My mom said she'd drive me down for the original interview. If it hadn't been for her, I don't think I would have given it a shot."

Moore made several trips to Cedar Rapids during his sophomore year at Wartburg, going through the interview process and being told he was in. Meanwhile, Broihier and Grant went to the interview and sailed right through.

"We were the last two to be interviewed that day," Broihier recalled. "I'll never forget it. We were sitting there thinking 'Man, these other guys are taking a long time in there. What are they being asked?'"

We got in there and the producer said, 'Oh yeah, you're Danny and Ryan. Coach Van Scoyoc said you'd be here. You're good to go.'"

Upon arrival on the set, the three each played for different teams. Grant played for the 1990 state championship squad and was an extra on a few other teams. Broihier was the catcher for Norway High School's final season state championship opponent, while Moore played second base for the rival school and also spent some time as an extra for other teams.

In the beginning, it was off to the field for Moore. He went through fielding, running and batting practices. Due to their more extensive baseball background, Broihier and Grant simply waited for their next call.

Danny Broihier '07 (left) and Ryan Grant '07 pose with the poster for *The Final Season* during the film's opening night in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Photos submitted

Ryan Grant '07 (right) spends a lighter moment with movie star Sean Astin during filming of *The Final Season*. Grant appeared in much of the opening of the film, making several diving fielding plays at shortstop for the 1990 Norway High School championship team.

Waiting was something the trio got used to. In addition to the time between calls to shoot, there was more waiting once each arrived on set. However, all three knew it would be worth it.

"You have to be ready so early due to having to go through getting into costume, going through makeup and so on," Moore said. "It gave me a tremendous appreciation for how many people it takes to put together a motion picture and the time involved to do so."

"Shooting scenes was a blast," Broihier said. "It did get to be a little bit of waiting, but in the end it was worth it when you saw yourself on the screen."

Moore admitted waiting for the final product did cause angst. The entire filming process took the course of two academic years. After post production was completed, the film was released six months later.

"I had been telling my friends and family about this for so long, and I think, jokingly, some of thought it might not happen," Moore said. "The film went through a lot of channels. The movie people did a great job keeping us updated, sending us e-mail and text messages whenever something happened."

However, the first time they saw the film, they were glad they went through the experience. "It's amazing to see yourself on the screen," Grant said. "I had told my family and friends I thought I was in some of it, but to see how much was amazing."

"It turned out to be a very good movie," Broihier said. "Everyone who has seen it with me seems to agree."

"If I had a chance to do it again, it would be great," Moore said. "It's an experience I'll never forget."

Powers Boothe (left) and Ryan Grant '07 (right), Norway player, portraying longtime Norway High School coach Jim Van Scoyoc, and Sean Astin (center), as assistant coach Kent Stock, listen, during a scene in *The Final Season*.

Longtime head men's basketball coach Lewis "Buzz" Levick and his family were recognized at a ceremony Nov. 17 during the annual tournament bearing his name. The college hosted a naming ceremony for Levick Arena.

Sixteen of Wartburg's greatest volleyball players were honored during the opening weekend of Levick Arena Oct. 12-13. The ceremony was one of four the Athletic Department planned for the 2007-08 school year, with men's and women's basketball and wrestling in January.

Randall Schroeder '82 received a commemorative plaque Dec. 8 from the Wartburg Athletic Department in thanks for his 11 years as public address announcer for football, men's and women's basketball and baseball. His final time behind the mic in late December concluded a 54-year working association between the Schroeder family and Wartburg Athletics. Randall's father, the late Duane Schroeder '58, was sports information director for 43 years.

Worth Repeating

Elizabeth Seale

Service isn't just

nice to do, it's necessary. It is necessary to change the fabric of our communities. We need Wartburg's leadership to encourage other colleges and institutions of higher education to do what you do because you've found that recipe. You know what it does for you as a student; you know what it does for those in you community in which you help.

– Elizabeth D. Seale, COO of Corporation for National and Community Service, speaking at the Leadership Service Convocation Oct. 18

I'm excited

for the noise, the chaos, the excitement, the passion! I'm excited to experience this first hand! … I'm also very excited to fly back out to New Hampshire to observe the primary and watch the results come in!

– Liz Reedstrom '08 of Lake Crystal, Minn., in her Dec. 14 blog as part of the *Engaging Students: First in the Nation*, an interdisciplinary collaboration between Wartburg and Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire focused on the 2008 presidential Iowa Caucuses and New Hampshire Primary

Running around

a college campus in the summer with a youthful group of the politically obsessed is a potent enough dose of enthusiasm to counteract anything. It was fun; our schedules were full, but I got to see some pretty amazing things.

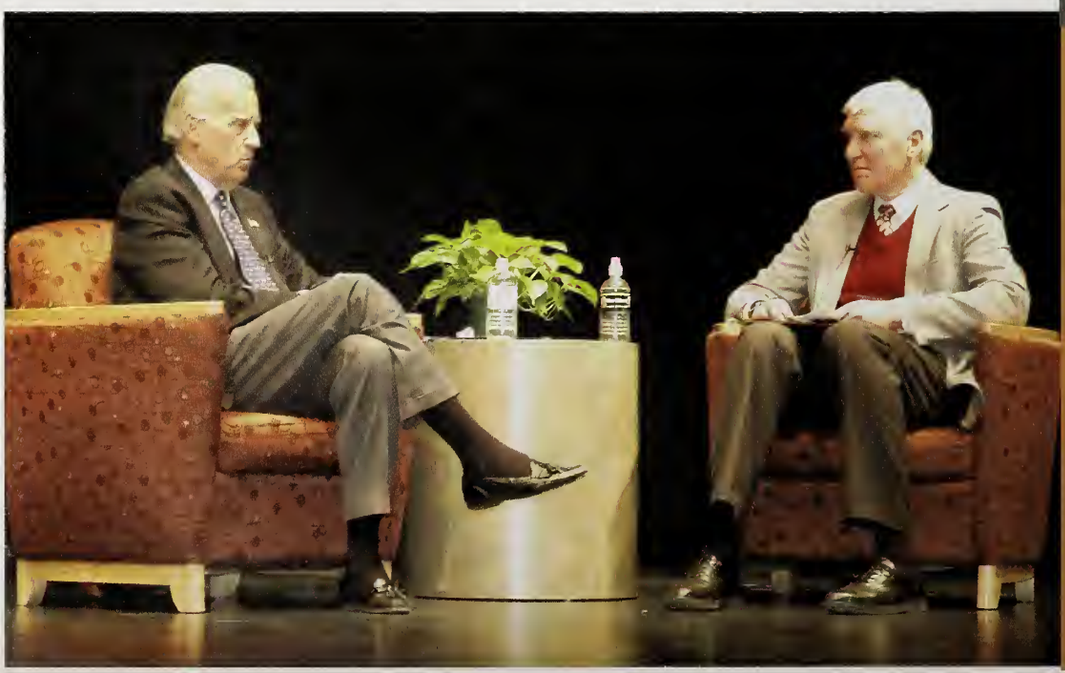
– Taylor Sutton '09, of Waverly, Iowa, in his June 30, 2007, blog as part of *Engaging Students: First in the Nation.*

At the end of

the day America is a good and great nation and I want us to be proud of everything we stand for and to be committed to giving at this college the future that you all deserve.

– Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-New York, who spoke Nov. 5 to a capacity crowd in Knights Ballroom on the Wartburg campus as part of *Engaging Students: First in the Nation* project

Sen. Hillary



We can change

the world, and we will be judged harshly if we let you down and don't.

– Sen. Joe Biden, D-Delaware, who spoke Feb. 18, 2007, at Wartburg as part of *Engaging Students: First in the Nation*

Dr. Fred Waldstein '74 served as moderator for the audience discussion when Sen. Joe Biden visited Wartburg for an *Engaging Students: First in the Nation* event. Waldstein, professor of political science, Burling Chair in Leadership and director of the Wartburg Institute for Leadership Education, was co-director of the First in the Nation project.

Photos by Karris Golden, Roland Fernie

Barack Obama

America is not

at its best when it's fearful; we're at our best when we are confident about our ability to meet the challenges.

– Sen. Barack Obama, D-Illinois, speaking Dec. 5, at Wartburg as part of *Engaging Students: First in the Nation*

on posed for a photo with the college's st in the Nation scholars

I said I don't care

I'll walk as a pilgrim, walking until given shelter, fasting until given food, and it won't cost a dime. And that is what I did.

– Doris "Granny D" Haddock, speaking at the Nov. 6 Wartburg Convocation. At age 89, she walked 3,200 miles across the United States, from Jan. 1, 1999, to Feb. 29, 2000.

Photos by Aaris Golden

1940

GALEN and **LOIS BEARSE '42 NEAL**, Shell Rock, Iowa, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sept. 12.

1957

RICHARD LARSON, Sugar Grove, Ill., was appointed Circuit Court Judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit, effective Aug. 3, 2006.

1958

GERALD DIETERICH, Tomah, Wis., retired as a human resource manager.

1964

Dr. RON LECHNYR, Eugene, Ore, D.S.W., Ph.D., and his daughter/associate Terri Lechnyr, Ph.D., published the article, "Mistakes Made by Chronic Pain Patients." It appeared in the October 2007 edition of the *Practical Pain Management Journal*. They practice at the Behavioral Medicine and Pain Management Clinic. Ron's wife, **CELIA FILTER LECHNYR**, is the clinic office manager.

LORENE "RENIE" BUNTING LENNING, Greenville, Pa., retired in June after 37 years of teaching. She taught 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th and K-5th gifted at schools in five states and taught college education courses as an adjunct professor at four colleges and universities.

1966

JOHN RENNER, Sterling, Ill., is a retired letter carrier with U.S. Postal Service.

1968

CAROL HOFFMAN, Ackley, Iowa, retired as an elementary teacher with the AGWSR Community Schools.

1970

CHRISTY FOSSUM HUNTLEY, Columbia, S.C., published the book, *Sundy by Sunday.*

1971

The Rev. **MARK PRIES**, Iowa City, Iowa, is the senior pastor with Zion Lutheran Church.

1973

KAREN PETTYJOHN, Washington, Ill., retired from teaching with the District 50 Schools.

1975

CRAIG LIMING, Sierra Vista, Ariz., won the annual championship 45-mile bike ride Oct. 13 in Douglas, with a time of 1 hr. 57 min.

1979

JEAN BRIMM, Waterloo, Iowa, is a customer care representative with GMAC Mortgage.

JERRY LANE is the teacher at the Clarinda Alternative School and boys' varsity basketball, girls' varsity track and field and middle school football coach with the Clarinda (Iowa) Community School District.

1981

PAUL BLOBAUM, Park Forest, Ill., is an associate professor of library science and health professions librarian at Governors State University, University Park. He was granted tenure in June. Paul serves as president of the university's Faculty Senate.

Dr. **ANTHONY FRANK**, Loveland, Colo., was presented the Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Alumni Award Oct. 4 by the University of Illinois at Urbana College of Veterinary Medicine and its alumni association.

RON LANDIS, Leon, Iowa, is the band director at the Central Decatur School District.

1982

DAWN RODENBERG LYNES, Keokuk, Iowa, is a family consultant with the Mid-Iowa Family Therapy Clinic.

1984

JEFF GLAW, Maquoketa, Iowa, is the manager for the Maquoketa Wildlife Unit with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

1988

Keith and **KOLLEEN KENNEDY HANETHO**, Carpentersville, Ill., announce the birth of Noah Oliver Aidan, Sept. 4. He joins Alan, 4, and Benjamin, 2.

JAMES LYNES, Keokuk, Iowa, is director of admissions with Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo.

KELLY KOTTKE SCHAUFENBUEL, Fredericksburg, Iowa, is media center specialist and teacher librarian with the Sumner-Fredericksburg Community School Districts, Sumner.

KAREN THALACKER, Waverly, Iowa, was named the Honors Award in the 2007 National Parenting Publications Awards Children's products competition. This distinction recognizes *Knitting with Gigi* Kit.

1989

TODD and **BETH PINKE SCHILDROTH**, Evans, Ga., announce the birth of Lilly Christine, March 6, 2007. She joins Samantha, 11, and Ashley, 7. Todd is a financial analyst with John Deere.

1990

Robert and **HEATHER BOEHNKE BAUMGARD**, Garner, Iowa, announce the birth of Erik William, July 18. He joins Benjamin, 9½, and Andrew, 7½.

MARY PUFFETT GRIEFF, Center Point, Iowa, received a Master of Education degree from Graceland University, Lamoni. She teaches 7th-grade geography and math at Urbana-Center Point Middle School.

THOMAS ROSE, Manitou Springs, Colo., has retired.

ANTHONY RUNKLE and Elizabeth Jones, Bettendorf, Iowa, were married Oct. 20.

1991

Ronald and **KIRSTEN COLE REGENWETHER**, Sprague ville, Iowa, announce the birth of Gavin Palmer, Oct. 29. He joins Meghan, 11, and Annika, 3.

1992

Tim and **KIM FELTON HELLER**, Elkader, Iowa, announce the birth of Bryce Timothy, June 6.

MELANIE MASTIN NIKOLAI, Stratford, Wis., is a Title I aide with the Stratford Elementary School.

RANDALL RICKLEFS, Spirit Lake, Iowa, is the director of youth ministries with St. Mary's Catholic Church.

1993

ANN DOLPHIN and Matthew Rollinger, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married Sept. 22.

Dr. **MATTHEW HELGESON** and Kari Thompson, Brandon, S.D., were married Sept. 22.

JILL LAFFERTY and Alan Pierce, Burnsville, Minn., announce the birth of Zachary Alan Pierce, June 12. He joins Abigail, 5.

John and **NICOLE BURKE McGRATH**, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of twins, Riley Rose and Eamon Burke, June 6. They join Carson, 4.

1994

The Rev. **ANDY ARNOLD**, Kalispell, Mont., is the associate pastor at Northridge Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Len and **BETH RICE BROKENSHIRE**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, announce the birth of Grace Victoria, July 2. She joins Rachel, 5, and Matthew, 3.

TONY and Amanda **GOODRICH**, West Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Wyatt, Aug. 14. He joins Jackson, 4.

Ron and **T.J. WILLIAMS GORMAN**, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Davis in June. He joins Ellie, 3. T.J. received a master's degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling in May from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

BRAD and Alison **HOLTEN**, Cresco, Iowa, announce the birth of Kaden Bradley, Dec. 1, 2006. He joins Kaiya 2½.

1995

LAURIE DEMRO DAWLEY, Walford, Iowa, is a vice president with Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C., Cedar Rapids.

SARA DOLPHIN, Onalaska, Wis., is with the Gundersen Lutheran Hospital.

Michael Day and **STEPHANIE FRAME-DAY** announce the birth of Colin Michael, Aug. 21. Stephanie teaches English at the International Center for American English.

ROBYN OLSON FRIEDMAN, Newton, Iowa, finished ninth at the 2007 New York City Marathon.

Scott and Dr. **LISA SANDMAN MADSEN**, Shawnee, Kan., announce the birth of Jace in September. He joins Abigail, 6, and Cole, 3. Lisa is an internist in Lansing.

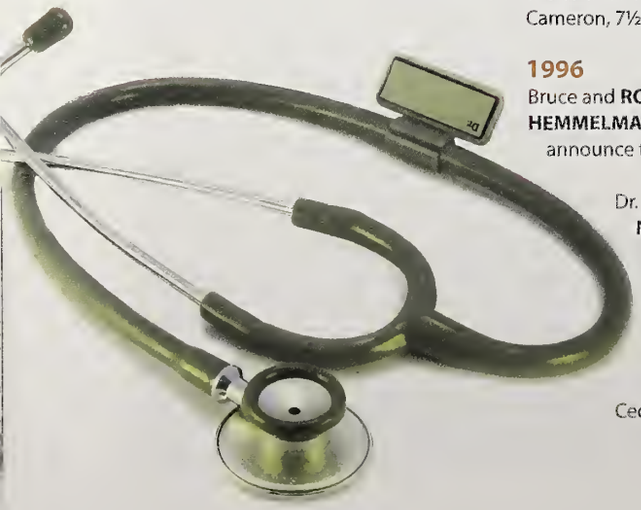
CARTINA PEPPERS MILLER, Woodbridge, Va., is the competitive sourcing program manager with the Department of Interior, National Park Service, in Washington, D.C.

Darren and **BECKY FLAHERTY O'DONNELL**, Readlyn, Iowa, announce the birth of Claire, Sept. 18. She joins Cameron, 7½, Colin, 4½, and Casey, 3½.

1996

Bruce and **ROBERTA PITZ HEMMELMAN**, Vancouver, Wash., announce the birth of Wyatt, Oct. 26.

Dr. **JEFFREY** and Rachel **MAASSEN**, North Liberty, Iowa, announce the birth of Lucy Marie, Sept. 26. She joins Henry, 2. Jeffrey is an ophthalmologist with the Iowa Eye Center, Cedar Rapids.



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KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

JAMES "J.D." MILLER and Ann Martens, Rockford, Ill., were married Sept. 22. J.D. is director of marketing and was promoted to bank officer with Stillman BancCorp N.A.

KRISTEN OLIVER REECE and **MATT REECE '97**, Davenport, Iowa, announce the birth of Micah Gregory, Oct. 1. He joins Aleck, 6, and Rhaena, 3.

Matt and **LORI STEEGE TOSO**, Sparta, Wis., announce the birth of Imani Grace, Dec. 31, 2006. She joins Jordan, 2½.

TINA NADERMAN STREIF, Farley, Iowa, is an academic adviser for Upward Bound at Northeast Iowa Community College, Peosta.

BEN and Sara Lara **WALEN**, Minneapolis, Minn., announce the birth of Annika Xochitl Lara, Oct. 2.

1997

LISA FAHSBENDER and Chris Landstrom, Bloomington, Ill., were married Nov. 3. Lisa is part-time music teacher at Pontiac Elementary District #429.

ERIC and **MICHELLE ORR GEORGE**, Marion, Iowa, announce the birth of Davis Edward, June 15. He joins Haley, 3. Eric is in sales with Geonetric. Michelle is a pharmacy manager with Target.

SCOTT and **NICOLE WILSON HARVES**, Southington, Conn., announce the birth of Thomas Henry, Aug. 10. He joins Haley, 4.

Rick and **RONI BLOUNT HILBY**, Manchester, Iowa, announce the birth of Ryan Joseph, March 15, 2007.

Jack and **NANCY LAMBERTY LINDER**, Verona, Wis., announce the birth of Owen Frederick, Sept. 14. He joins Katelynne, 3½, and Emma, 2.

JASON and Karin **MARTIN-HINER**, North Liberty, Iowa, announce the birth of Mikayla, Sept. 28.

Dr. **STEVEN MINDRUP**, Marion, Iowa, completed his fellowship in female urology and incontinence at Metro Urology, St. Paul, Minn. He is with PCI Urology, Cedar Rapids.

Dr. **JANA VANDE KIEFT POOCK** and **BRIAN POOCK '98**, Urbandale, Iowa, announce the births of Jonah, Oct. 23, and Alexander, Dec. 14, 2004. They join Molly, 4½.

Dr. **MICHAEL SCHERB**, Mason City, Iowa, completed his foot and ankle fellowship at Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Md. He is an orthopedic surgeon at Mason City Clinic.

ERIC STREIF, Farley, Iowa, is an emergency veterinarian with Eastern Iowa Veterinary Specialty Center, Cedar Rapids.

Chris and **AMY GEHLSEN TARR**, Mukwonago, Wis., announce the birth of Emily Katherine, June 22. She joins Nathan, 6.

1998

Adam and **JESSICA SMUKSTA ALBERT**, Grayslake, Ill., announce the birth of Seth Austin, Sept. 1.

ERIC ALLEN, Rochester, N.Y., was on the team of students from the University of Rochester's Simon Graduate School of Business Administration that won the national Entrepreneurship & Innovation competition at Babson College in Massachusetts.

JAIME BLEESS, Fairmont, Minn., is a police officer with the Fairmont Police Department.

JEFF and **RACHEL HILL '99 BRITTEN**, Story City, Iowa, announce the birth of Jada Joy, April 26, 2007.

JAMIE CRAIG and Mandy Feick, Orient, Iowa, were married Oct. 27. Jamie is the secondary music teacher, speech, fall play, activities director and webmaster at Orient-Macksburg Community Schools.

Jamie and **REBECCA FUCHS MISCH**, Onalaska, Wis., announce the birth of Madison Rae, Aug. 5. She joins Jack, 9.

JOANNE OTTE, Chicago, Ill., was promoted to program director with Lutheran Volunteer Corps.

Ben and **KRISTA KLOCKENTAGER PALMER**, Helena, Mont., announce the birth of Nicholas Benjamin, Dec. 5. Krista is a loan originations specialist with Student Assistance Foundation.

KEVIN and Kodi **ROHNE**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Jami Elizabeth and Jenna Michael, Oct. 17. They join Lindee, 2. Kevin is a special education teacher at the Waverly-Shell Rock Junior High School.

VICKI SCHAFFER, Dubuque, Iowa, was elected to chair the Drum Corps International Open Class Division. She is youth programs director with the Colts Youth Organization.

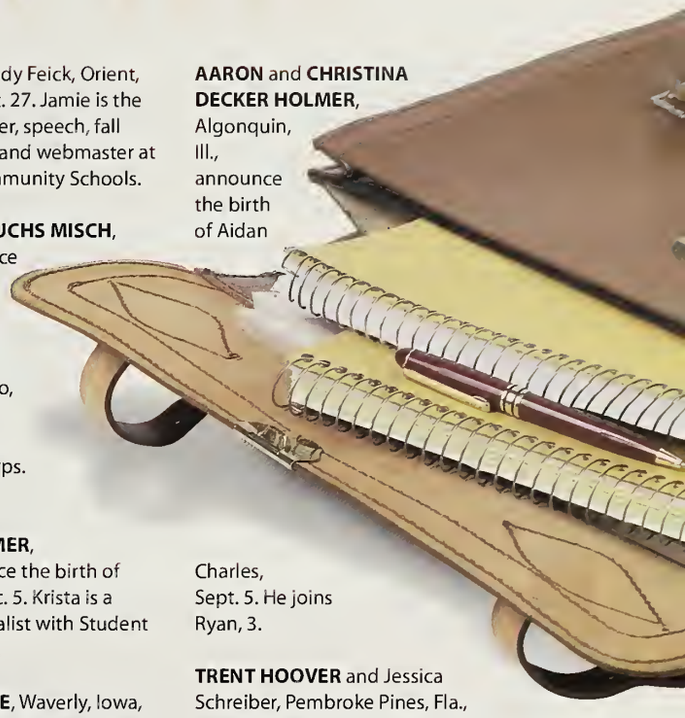
TASHI SHIIMI-YA-SHIIMI, Minneapolis, Minn., is president/CEO of Exedin Staffing Solutions.

1999

JAKE and **MICHELLE DIEHL '00 BYERS**, Waterloo, Iowa, announce the birth of Hannah Mae, Aug. 22. Jake is advancement communications coordinator at Lutheran Services in Iowa, Waverly.

PETE and Annette **FAUX**, Perry, Iowa, announce the birth of Elsie Paige, Jan. 30, 2007.

JEFFREY HERMAN, Denver, Colo., is the regional sales manager with Canplas LLC.



AARON and **CHRISTINA DECKER HOLMER**, Algonquin, Ill., announce the birth of Aidan Charles, Sept. 5. He joins Ryan, 3.

TRENT HOOVER and Jessica Schreiber, Pembroke Pines, Fla., were married March 17, 2007.

CARRIE KIMBALL and Nick Arnold, Brighton, Iowa, were married Aug. 11. Carrie is a kindergarten teacher with Mount Pleasant Community Schools.

MICHAEL ROBERTS, Reinbeck, Iowa, is a project foreman.

Brad and **ELY MICHELS STEFFEN**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Drew Thomas, March 4, 2007. He joins Derek, 3.

MARIDY KLUENDER WARMKA and Matthew Helland, Alden, Minn., were married Nov. 3.

2000

CORY and Konni **CANTRALL**, Waterloo, Iowa, announce the birth of Jordyn Claire, Oct. 9. She joins Autymn, 5½, and Kara, 3½.

STACY DEMRO DRUMTRA, Mount Prospect, Ill., is a communications manager in corporate relations with Allstate Insurance Companies, Northbrook.

Do you have a cool job?

Drop us a line at alumni@wartburg.edu if you believe you have a cool, unique job. (Provide contact information, job title and why your job is awesome.) Information on some of the "coolest" jobs could be used in student recruitment and *Wartburg Magazine*.

Mike and **CAROL KUENNEN GAUL**, Urbandale, Iowa, announce the birth of Noah, July 2. He joins Madison, 2½.

MICHELLE McKINNEY and Corey Fetters, Bondurant, Iowa, were married Oct. 27.

BRANDI BECKER MENSCHING, Jesup, Iowa, is an intensive care unit nurse with St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.

ERIN RIES MOELLER, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, finished 14th at the 2007 New York City Marathon.

TIM and **BECKY WHEAT NEWTON**, Greene, Iowa, announce the birth of Elsa Jean, July 30. She joins Molly, 1.

CHAD SCHUCHMANN and Kimberly Altman, Omaha, Neb., were married Aug. 25.

JASON STREET, Des Moines, Iowa, is an investment counselor with the Principal Financial Group.

Ryan and **BRITT OLSON WEHRENBERG**, LeRoy, Minn., announce the birth of Maren Jane, June 1. She joins Cale, 3.

2001

DAVID and Jenelle **DEVINE**, Olathe, Kan., announce the birth of Brooklyn Jo, Oct. 3.

CHAD FELDMANN, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a programmer with Far Reach Technologies, Inc.

JESSICA BRAITHWAITE FRANZEN, Miles, Iowa, is the director of social services with Eagle Point Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Clinton.

STACY HAAS HALL, Williamsburg, Iowa, is a staff L.P.N. with the Marengo Memorial Hospital.

Andy and **VALERIE HULSTEIN HENNIG**, Vadnais Heights, Minn., announce the birth of twins, Martin James, June 7, and Graham Robert, June 8.

KATE PETERSON KNOLL, Rochester, Minn., is an ultrasound technologist with the Mayo Clinic.

KEVIN LAMB, and Shea Holt, Winston-Salem, N.C., were married July 21.

PATRICK MORRISON and **COREY ARNDT '03**, Urbandale, Iowa, were married Aug. 28.

Dr. **KIM QUACKENBUSH POECKER**, Shawnee, Kan., is a physician at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City.

Neal and **KATHERINE DRISCOLL POPPE**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Norah Grace, Sept. 29.

TAYLOR and **EMILY DECKER PRUISNER**, St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of Alexander Thomas, Aug. 24.

CHRIS ROGNE, Clear Lake, Iowa, is an alternative school teacher for the Rockwell-Swaledale Community School District, Rockwell.

SARAH RANDOLPH SIEH, Reinbeck, Iowa, is a social worker with Cedar Valley Hospice.

LAURA MEDBERRY VANSICKLE, Westgate, Iowa, is a financial aid counselor for Upper Iowa University, Fayette.

DANE WESENBERG and **HILLARY ERICKSON '02**, Tempe, Ariz., were married Sept. 2 in Wartburg Chapel.

2002

JILL BIWER and Matthew Guyer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married Oct. 20. Jill received a master's degree in teaching in 2006.

Matt and **KIM NEYMEYER BURLAGE**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, announce the birth of Owen Matthew, Sept. 15.

KIM DRENNAN and Brett Schilling, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were married Nov. 10.

Tim and **ANDREA HALVERSON HOHEISEL**, Albert Lea, Minn., announce the birth of Raegen, Aug. 1. Andrea is a project manager with Viracon, Inc., Owatonna.

RACHEL MILLER HUEGEL and **JASON HUEGEL '03**, Ames, Iowa, announce the birth of Evelyn Nancy, Feb. 3, 2007.

JUSTIN MELLMANN and **LISA LEE '04**, Bozeman, Mont., were married Oct. 20 in Waverly, Iowa.

JESSICA McANINCH MORTVEDT and **JASON MORTVEDT '03**, Waterloo, Iowa, announce the birth of Julia Sue, Oct. 30. Jessica was promoted to 5 p.m. producer for KWWL-TV, Channel 7. Jason was promoted to assignment manager and special assignment reporter for KWWL-TV.

Andy Scharnhorst and **BRITNEE NIEMANN**, Plainfield, Iowa, were married Aug. 18.

MIKI NISHIDA and **ADAM GOERDT '03,** Rockville, Md., were married June 16.

MIKE TRUESDELL, Iowa Falls, Iowa, is a financial representative with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

2003

ALAN BANWART, Overland Park, Kan., was awarded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Gold Medal for work on the Blue Skyways Collaborative to reduce air pollution in the Heartland. He is an environmental protection specialist with the Agency's Region 7 office.

ABBIE COOPER, Iowa City, Iowa, is doctoral student in piano pedagogy and performance at the University of Iowa.

Brad and **TINA ELLINGSON DARLING**, Decorah, Iowa, announce the birth of Bradan, June 29. Tina is a school counselor with the Minnesota Virtual Academy, Houston, Minn.

NATHAN EBERLINE, Olathe, Kan., graduated in May from the University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa. He was sworn into the Kansas bar Sept. 28. Nathan is an assistant solicitor general for the State of Kansas.

BRADLEY and **KAARIN LAMB FASSE**, Grimes, Iowa, announce the birth of Hannah Rose, Aug. 22.

AMANDA FRAUENHOLZ and Josh Brown, Tipton, Iowa, announce the birth of Zebulayn, Feb. 26, 2007. Amanda is a para-educator at City High School, Iowa City.

MICAH GEARHART, Armstrong, Iowa, is a second-grade teacher with the Armstrong-Ringsted Community School District, Ringsted.

JOSIAH GOLDAMMER, Minneapolis, Minn., is in data review with Upsher-Smith.

KATIE HARTMAN and **RICK HILLARD '04**, Minneapolis, Minn., were married Oct. 13.

JOE HAVIG and Melissa Sweeney, Des Moines, Iowa, were married Aug. 11.

Matthew and **EMILY BLOCK KITTLE**, Dubuque, Iowa, announce the birth of Aidan, Sept. 6.

CARRIE KRESS and Ken Gosnell, Des Moines, Iowa, were married July 28.

ANDREW NORDSTROM, Waterloo, Iowa, graduated in May from the University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City. He is a staff attorney with Iowa Legal Aid.

SCOTT PATTON and Erin Huseman, Iowa Falls, Iowa, were married Aug. 11.

Bob and **MEGAN PAGEL RAWLINS**, LeGrand, Iowa, announce the birth of Callie Lucille, June 26.

PEGGY FICKER RETKA, St. Cloud, Minn., is a study abroad adviser with the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph.

ADAM and Elizabeth **ROBERTS**, St. Paul, Minn., announce the birth of Xavier William, Oct. 24.

TARA SHEPPARD and Kyle Blue, Fishers, Ind., were married Nov. 10.

SUSAN THOMSEN, Storm Lake, Iowa, is an admissions representative for Buena Vista University.

JOEL TUTTLE, Ogden, Iowa, is an optometrist with Tuttle Eye Care Inc.

JENNIFER WELVAERT, Silvis, Ill., is a library assistant with the Moline Public Library.

2004

KAELA BEMIS and **BLAKE FLORES '05**, Jacksonville, Fla., were married Oct. 20.

KATHLEEN CROKER, Austin, Minn., is an accountant for Hormel Foods Corporation.

John Kurtt '53

Year of Civic and Community Engagement spurs reflections

As Wartburg heads toward the end of the Year of Community and Civic Engagement and celebrates the opening of the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center, it reminds my wife, Laurel, and me of several things. First, we are extremely fortunate to have the types of resources we do at Wartburg that enable us to continue to produce great people who head out into the world to make a difference.

It also causes us to reflect on everyone we were privileged enough to know and work with during my time at Wartburg as a student, coach and athletic director as well as Laurel's 30 years in the registrar's office. Laurel and I have also been very fortunate, both during our time at Wartburg and in the time since we retired, to work with many great people through our involvement with the Bremer County Historical Society Museum and our local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

I think it is important for us all to remember the lessons we learned during our time at Wartburg about the power of service. We need to make sure that we continue to focus on it long after the Year of Community and Civic Engagement changes to the next focus year. The connections we make while serving others and the projects we are doing in our communities will reach far beyond the time we spend engaged in the activities.

If you are interested in getting involved in your community and don't know where to start or would like to partner with other Wartburg alumni, Wartburg's social networking site, KnightNet, can be a great way to do just that. I have certainly enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and getting to know new ones through KnightNet. I encourage you to search for other alums that live in your area, find out what they are doing or ask them to join you in your projects. Regardless of how you do it, I encourage you to always keep service in mind, both in your work and personal lives. The world is and will continue to be a better place because of the work that Wartburg alums are doing for our communities and our world.

Go Knights!

John '53 and Laurel Kurtt

From doctor to pastor: Alumna heeds call to ministry

by Michelle Caldwell '08

Early on, Dr. Caroline Boehnke-Becker '83 was confident in her decision to be a doctor and didn't question that she would practice medicine.

After graduating from Wartburg, Boehnke-Becker went on to earn a medical degree from the University of Iowa. She did her residency at the University of Indianapolis and married her high school sweetheart, Dr. Tom Becker. Caroline practiced medicine while Tom, a cardiothoracic surgeon, completed the last few years of his fellowship.

Afterward, the Gardner, Minn., natives, decided to begin their careers in Iowa—Caroline as an obstetrician/gynecologist and Tom in cardiology. With a toddler in tow and another one on the way, the couple set out to find a home and church in the Des Moines area.

"I just went to the Yellow Pages and started visiting churches on the weekend," recalled Boehnke-Becker, who now lives in Cumming. "We were both on call at the hospital, so finding service times that met our lifestyles was key."

Dr. Caroline Boehnke-Becker '83 decided against returning to her full-time medical practice and chose instead to go to seminary. Today, she is a teaching pastor for adult ministries at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, Iowa, one of the fastest growing Lutheran churches in the country.

She grew up in a small church setting and knew she wanted that for her family. That knock at the door provided an answer. It was a friendly pastor from Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, a congregation of two dozen members in search of new members.

Getting involved in the church family was easy with so few members. But raising a family and being part of a medical practice was a strain on the family.

"There's a difference between one-on-one defense and zone defense," Boehnke-Becker explained. "We got to a point where we were never home. One day I sat down and realized we didn't have kids to not be there and raise them. So I decided I would step out of medicine for three years and then go back."

That decision only opened up more opportunities for Boehnke-Becker to get involved in Hope's mission. She joined the parish council and building and vision committees and found an enjoyable experience in teaching adult Bible study.

"I really had a lot of fun with it," she recalled. "But it was also time to get back to my practice. … I talked to the pastor and said I just wouldn't have time to do both."

But the pastor did something that startled Boehnke-Becker; he challenged her decision. Putting the ball in her court, he asked, "If it's something you're sad to give up, then are you supposed to be going back?"

Though she did find her church work rewarding, Boehnke-Becker was not about to move her family so she could attend seminary. It was out of the question. Hope's leaders, however, were exploring ways to bring more leaders into the church, and Boehnke-Becker was a prime candidate.

She decided to enter an accredited program at Bethel Baptist Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and enrolled in the five-year program. She loaded up on the online courses and earned a Master of Divinity degree in two years.

This change in careers brought questions.

"People were asking me why I went from medicine to church, and I found that it's absolute proof that God has a sense of humor," Boehnke-Becker explained. "I wanted to be a doctor from the time I was 5 years old, but this is what God wants me to do. And if God calls me to go back to medicine, then I will."

Boehnke-Becker keeps her licensing and medical boards active, if that time comes. But for now, she's working with adult men and women, couples, parents, skeptics and nonbelievers.

"It's just a lot of fun with our Alpha program to take someone who is a skeptic and walk along side them," she said. "I see them come in as a nonbeliever, and by the end of the course, become a believer. I'm able to have the ringside seat. To see what God has done for them is great."

Editor's note: Dr. Caroline Boehnke-Becker is a member of the Commission on Mission Faith Task Force. In coming issues of *Wartburg Magazine*, we will continue to profile task force members and others, as well as keep readers apprised of the ongoing work of the Commission.

Caldwell is a communication arts major from Washington, Iowa.

AARON COUNTRYMAN and Alysia Gabe, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, were married Sept. 29.

John and **ERIN SHEARN DAYTON**, Santa Maria, Calif., announce the birth of Emelia Ann, Sept. 8.

BETH GRAHAM, Waterloo, Iowa, is a pharmacist for Hy-Vee.

LORI HAMMERAND and Brian Root, Waterloo, Iowa, were married July 7. Lori is with Kruger Seeds, Inc. in marketing.

Ken and **KELSIE LIENAU HAMMOND**, Fredericksburg, Iowa, announce the birth of Kruise, Aug. 20.

CRAIG HEMSATH, La Porte City, Iowa, is a high school biology and science teacher for Union Community Schools.

KRISTIN HAASE JUCHEMS, Blaine, Minn., is an IS analyst with BAE Systems, Fridley.

ELIZABETH KELLY and **TIMOTHY MURPHY '05**, Atkins, Iowa, were married Aug. 25.

NATE KERL, Minneapolis, Minn., is an interactive designer for Capella University. His wife, **RUTH FALINK KERL**, is a graduate student at Hamline University, St. Paul.

AMY KUEKER and Chad Feight, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married July 28.

ASH LARSEN and **ANGIE KAJEWSKI**, Des Moines, Iowa, were married Aug. 11.

DEREK MEIER, Anoka, Minn., is an IS analyst with BAE Systems, Fridley.

KEIRA MEYER and **MITCHELL SPRAGUE** '05, Quasqueton, Iowa, were married Aug. 25.

STEVEN MURRAY, Overland Park, Kan., is the education manager with the Kansas City (Mo.) Symphony, Kansas City.

KARA O'BRIEN and Charles Crain, Champaign, Ill., were married Nov. 3.

LEAH ROBERTSON, Denver, Colo., is a substitute teacher with the Denver Public School System.

Josh and **KIM ESCHWEILER SHONKA**, Marion, Iowa, announce the birth of Ashtyn Rae, Dec. 6.

SCOTT STORLIE, Mason City, Iowa, is a business analyst with Kingland Systems Corp., Clear Lake.

ADAM TJEERDSMA and **MARY ACHELPHOL '05**, Grimes, Iowa, were married in July. Adam is a fifth-grade teacher with the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District, Dallas Center. Mary is an accounting specialist with The Principal Financial Group, Des Moines.

STEFANIE TOMALKA, Jefferson City, Mo., is a fourth-grade teacher at Lee Elementary School with Columbia Public Schools, Columbia.

BROOKE TRENT, Waterloo, Iowa, graduated in May from the University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City. She is an associate attorney with Randall & Nelson, P.L.C.

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KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

LISA VATNSDAL, Denver, Colo. is a recruitment coordinator with CH2M Hill, Englewood.

2005

MISSY BUTTRY and Andrew Rock, Fitchburg, Wis., were married Oct. 6.

QUINTON CLAY, Grinnell, Iowa, is an admissions counselor at Grinnell College.

Greg and **VALERIE WAIT HENNINGS**, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Madelyn Grace, Oct. 26.

VERNE and **CATHERINE RAPP HOUSTON**, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Abigail Marie, Sept. 5.

MATTHEW KRIVANEK and Michelle Even, Jesup, Iowa, were married Sept. 1.

ERIN MANSON and Brandon Kirchhoff, Kalona, Iowa, were married Sept. 11.

JOSH MOEN, Readlyn, Iowa, finished 10th in the U.S. 10-mile championships.

JENNIFER ROPER and Dan Wickman, Dundee, Iowa, were married July 28. Jennifer is a supervisor/IPC with Area Residential Care, Manchester.

SETH and Carrie **ROWLAND**, Coralville, Iowa, announce the birth of Jonah, April 6.

JENNY FLORA VINZANT, Davenport, Iowa, is an associate donor resource consultant with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center.

KELLI WATERBECK and Andy Switzer, Ottawa, Ill., were married Sept. 22.

BRANDON and **BETH THOMPSON ZELLE**, Independence, Iowa, announce the adoption of Katelyn. She was born July 15.

GABE WATERS and **STACY DIEMER '06**, West Branch, Iowa, were married Aug. 11.

2006

ANDREW DRYSDALE and **MEGAN WRIGHT,** West Des Moines, Iowa, were married Sept. 8.

ALEX FELDT, Norman, Okla., is in a Ph.D. program at the University of Oklahoma.

KYLE GOSNELL, Visalia, Calif., is a missile technician in the U.S. Navy.

CASEY GOSSLING and Derek Rausch, Fort Atkinson, Iowa, were married July 7.

ERIN GREENLEY, Ames, Iowa, is a nurse at Mary Greeley Medical Center.

ABBIE GRUSETH, Bryn Mawr, Pa., is a Master of History degree student at Villanova University.

AMANDA FUTCH JOHNSON, Camp Dodge, Wis., works in the bakery at Wal-Mart.

NAT JUCHEMS, Blaine, Minn., is an IS analyst with BAE Systems, Fridley.

ZACH LADAGE and **NIKKI KUETHE '07**, Tripoli, Iowa, were married Nov. 17.

BRYON MAURER and **AMY NEWTON '08**, Willow Grove, Pa., were married Sept. 1.

BRIAN McINTIRE, Clear Lake, Iowa, is the assistant manager of Glen's Tire Service Inc.

CHRIS MEDINGER and Jessica Sieverding, Bellevue, Iowa, were married July 21.

MICHELLE REEG and Jay Pendlelton, Monona, Iowa, were married July 7. Michelle takes continuing education courses in political science at Upper Iowa University, Fayette. She is an after-school educator with the YMCA of Northeast Iowa.

KRISTINE ROIT is a graduate student at Concordia University, Seward, Neb.

GEORGE SCHMIDT, Dubuque, Iowa, is a police officer for the City of Dubuque.

NICK SKURDAL and **ALICIA MOBURG '07**, Waverly, Iowa, were married Aug. 11.

SHARLA SMOOK, Marshall, Minn., is a band and marching band director at Marshall Middle School.

SHERITTA STOKES, Waterloo, Iowa, announces the birth of Trinity, Sept. 2. She is a second-grade teacher for the Waterloo Community Schools.

Books, recordings by alumni and faculty

Springfield's Sculptures, Monuments, and Plaques
Carl Volkmann '55 and
Roberta Bock '58 Volkmann
Arcadia Publishing
ISBN: 0738551651

The Volkmanns highlight the Illinois capital city's rich history through its public art.

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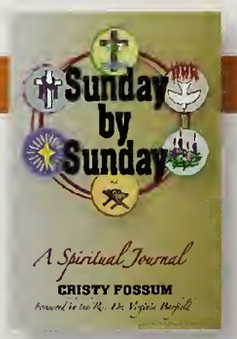
The Kingdom Stompers
(featuring the Rev. Jim Baseler '69)

This new CD of bluegrass gospel music features 14 songs, four of which are featured in Evangelical Lutheran Worship. The band includes three ELCA pastors. This is its third CD.



Sunday by Sunday
By Dr. Paul Hedeen,
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This novel chronicles a church year in the life of Rose Harris, a retired English teacher.

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2007

KRISTIN BECK, LeClaire, Iowa, is a clinical laboratory technician with the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

KYLE BLOOD, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a lab analyst with Test America Inc.

NICHOLAS BLOMME, Dubuque, Iowa, is a third-grade teacher at Prescott Elementary School with the Dubuque Community Schools.

LINDSAY BOEVERS and **ASBJORN SKEIE**, Madison, Wis., were married Sept. 29.

BREANNE BOHEMAN, Reinbeck, Iowa, is an optical associate with Mauer Eye Center.

LaTOSHIA BURRELL, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a personal trainer at the Cedar Falls Recreation Center.

SHIREEN CAVE, Marshalltown, Iowa, is a special education clerk with Area Education Agency 11, Indianola.

JANEL DVORAK, Excelsior, Minn., is a lead preschool teacher with the Shoreline Early Childhood Development Center, Wayzata.

MICHAEL EGANHOUSE and **ERICA SUCHY**, Urbandale, Iowa, were married Nov. 24.

KIRA ELLIOTT, China, is an English teacher for Amity Foundation.

MARK FORSYTH, Minneapolis, Minn., is a depot technician, Arcadia, Wis.

ERIN GALLAGHER, Waco, Texas, is a high school French teacher with the Waco Independent School District.

TIFFANY HANSEN, Fayette, Iowa, is an admissions counselor for Upper Iowa University.

JESSICA HARTMAN, Stoughton, Wis., is in the titling department with M&I Bank.

JESSICA ISERMAN, Dyersville, Iowa, is a second-grade teacher with the Edgewood-Colesburg Community School District, Colesburg.

BRIAN JOHNSON, Coon Rapids, Minn., is a music teacher with the St. Francis School District.

SAGAR KHUSHALANI, Arlington, Texas, is a graduate student at the University of Texas.

JENNIFER KOELE is a podiatry student at Des Moines (Iowa) University.

ABBIE LICHTY and Jason Rittmiller, Eagle, Colo., were married Aug. 18.

JACOB LOHMANN and Chelsea Vette, Waverly, Iowa, were married Aug. 25.

BRYAN McCARTY, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is an account manager with EdgeCore.

DAN McGONEGLE is a bank examiner with OCC, San Francisco, Calif.

CHRIS MINER is a high school health and physical education teacher with Olin (Iowa) Consolidated School.

WHITNEY MITVALSKY, La Crosse, Wis., is the director of the annual fund with Viterbo University.

ANDREA MORRIS, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a youth service workers for Tanager Place.

BROOKE NIELSEN, St. Paul, Minn., is a graphic designer with Idea Outpost, Red Wing.

MATT OHLSON, LaSalle, Colo., is a social studies and reading teacher at Roosevelt High School with School District Weld RE-5J, Johnstown.

PETER OSTERBERGER, East Dubuque, Iowa, is a graphic designer with Flexsteel Industries.

NICOLE PRAMANN, Champlin, Minn., is a high school math teacher for the Wayzata Public Schools.

JONATHAN RAMSE is a missionary with ELCA Global Missions, Tokyo, Japan.

LYDIA RENDALL, Stevens Point, Wis., is a pharmacy graduate student and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Are you an entrepreneur?

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Once, twice, three times for Salmon

by Michelle Caldwell '08

Guyana continued to beckon Victoria Salmon '03 after a service trip made her cognizant that the sound of music was lacking.

The former music education major traveled there through a program sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of American and Fellowship Lutheran of Tulsa, Okla.

The 7-year-old program partners with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guyana and is organized by Erv Janssen '58 of Tulsa.

Victoria Salmon '03 and St. Olaf College graduates Karissa Swanson-Moore and Tom Moore pose for a picture during their time in Guyana. The trio taught more than 50 students in several churches during an eight-week mission trip. Salmon plans to make her third trip to Guyana in summer 2008.

After graduating from Wartburg, Salmon taught sixth- through 12th-grade choir in the Osceola (Wis.) School District. She then packed her bags for an eight-week adventure in the eastern tier of Guyana.

This service trip gave Salmon an idea of what it's like to live in a country where music was almost nonexistent, with no music taught in school settings. Her mission abroad brought melody and rhythm to the lives of hundreds.

Throughout her time in Guyana, she taught 12-year-olds to adults, spending two to three hours at churches and traveling by taxi.

Salmon explained that church is where music comes alive for the Guyanese, but they have little to work with.

"We taught songs that we would sing in church," she added. "We wanted to enhance the church experiences. There's no keyboard, no organ, no instruments in any church settings."

One brother and sister took turns each week rotating from one church to the next to provide keyboard accompaniment, said Salmon.

After finding the experience to be beneficial, Salmon embarked on another trip to Guyana in summer 2007. Again, she taught hundreds of children to read music, sing and play guitar, piano and drums. The lack of instruments she saw during her 2004 trip sparked an idea.

She and two others challenged their local churches to donate enough money to provide a piano and three guitars at each place of worship. Thanks to First Lutheran of New Richmond, Wis.; St. Paul Lutheran in Denver, Colo; and Bethany Lutheran in Colorado Springs, Colo., the goal was met.

"I think one of the reasons I like going down there is because it's so humbling," said Salmon. "They are very nice people—very welcoming, and they would do anything for you."

And just as they would do anything for her, Salmon considers it her mission to give back to them; she is in the process of planning her third trip to Guyana in summer 2008.

Caldwell is a communication arts major from Washington, Iowa.

Top: Two music instruction students practice playing the guitar at St. Andrew Church in Guyana. Salmon's and the Swanson-Moore's hometown churches donated three guitars to each of the churches they worked at.

Left: Karissa Swanson-Moore leads a class at St. Mathew Church and instructs students on creating rhythm with instruments that will later be used for hymns.

Photos submitted

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

BRITTANY RIDEOUT, Waterloo, Iowa, is a client service associate with The Principal Financial Group, Cedar Falls.

JOSHUA RIFFEL is a sports management student at Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill.

DAVID RUEHS and **MELANIE HIMMERICH**, Dubuque, Iowa, were married Sept. 28. David is a math teacher at George Washington Middle School, and Melanie is an elementary teacher with the Dubuque Community School District.

JONATHAN RUNAAS, Dayton, Iowa, is the middle and high school choral director with Southeast Webster-Grand Community Schools, Burnside.

ANDREW SECORY, Iowa City, Iowa, is graduate student at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

EVA SERSLAND, Flagstaff, Ariz., is a personal banker with Wells Fargo.

ALAN SIMMER, Waterloo, Iowa, is a copy editor at the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier.*

ASBJORN SKEIE is a DJ for KWAY Radio, Waverly, Iowa.

JOSHUA STRATTON, Fort Collins, Colo., is a graduate student at Colorado State University.

SARA TECHAU, Center Point, Iowa, is in the physician's assistant program at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City.

CRYSTAL TEWS, Winona, Minn., is a registered nurse with the Mayo Clinic, Rochester.

KYLE THYE, Fairfield, Iowa, is a graphic designer with Chappell Studios.

AARON TIMM, Des Moines, Iowa, is a physical therapy graduate student at Des Moines University.

ZACH TOMAS, Zearing, Iowa, is teaching elementary physical education and high school health with the Colfax-Mingo Community School District, Colfax.

SHEENA TREANOR, Des Moines, Iowa, is a management trainee with Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

CAMARION TURNER, Cedar Falls, Iowa, is a resident counselor for Quakerdale, New Providence.

MATTHEW VOIGTS, Anhui Province, China, is an English teacher at the Anhui University.

SARAH VOS, Pella, Iowa, is a graduate student at St. Luke's Hospital.

CHRISTINE WHITCOMB, Freeborn, Minn., is a retreat host with Good Earth Village, Spring Valley.

JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS, Newton, Iowa, is a high school math teacher with the Newton Community School District.

JASON ZASTROW, Pella, Iowa, is an assistant wrestling coach at Central College.

BRIANNA ZEIGLER, East Lansing, Mich., is a graduate student at Michigan State University.

2009

BROOKE CORNELIUS and Aaron Henie, Manhattan, Kas., were married July 28.

"Holy St. Elizabeth of Thuringia!"...

How did this happen?" Mike Sherer '63 views with alarm, as does office manager Jean Johansson, the announcement that the *Metro Lutheran* Board of Directors has selected as the next editor someone who is not a Wartburg graduate. That brings to an end 18 years of editorial leadership for the Twin Cities monthly Lutheran newspaper by Wartburg alumni. Charles P. Lutz '53 was editor from 1989-1996. Sherer succeeded him, serving 1996-2007. (The new editor, Bob Hulteen, is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.)

Photo Essay: Global & Multicultural Studies

Each academic year, the Global and Multicultural Studies program sponsors a photo contest for students who have taken part in off-campus immersion study of another culture. The photos on these pages were selected for top honors in the GMCS photo contest.

Photo Contest Winners

Untitled

First Place

Lourey Middlecamp '08 of Apple Valley, Minn., traveled in Japan

Tokyo houses many holy structures. This picture was taken in Meiji Shrine—probably the most famous. … Visitors to the shrine write a wish on these wooden plaques and hang it up here—in this case around (Ema) a holy tree—in the hope that the wish will be granted. … One of my most memorable experiences in Japan occurred while walking (here). I saw plaques written in every language … but many of the wishes were the same. Overwhelmingly, people had visited for the health and happiness of their loved ones (living or dead) and for peace on Earth. … No country is free from violence, but I felt as I looked at these hopes that if any person was to learn compassion for their fellows they might learn it here. So many of the people who left wishes here left them out of remembrance for people they love all over the world. How could I see these expressions and not be reminded of my loved ones? How could I see these hopes, so similar to my own, and still believe that these people are different from me? For the rest of my trip, I knew that no language barrier or other misunderstanding would be sufficient to keep me from communicating with the people I met.

Wazungu

Second Place

Katrina Meyer '08 of Holmen, Wis., traveled in Tanzania

This photo was taken on my … first visit to a village. The other students and I were swarmed by people from the village who wanted to shake our hands and have their picture taken with a "wazungu" (white person), even though they knew nothing about us. None of us were quite sure how to act. Then all the children pushed to the front as seen in this picture. The children closed in around us, and there were so many it was overwhelming. The children didn't say much—mainly just looked at us. All of the Wartburg students felt like animals in the zoo or in a circus. As I look back on the situation I realize I was something new, interesting and exotic to the people of that village, and what I was seeing in them was their well-established, normal lives. At this point I realized that I was no longer in the majority and for the next three months I would be an obvious minority which was a new experience and a new adventure.

Cliché Parisians?

Third Place

Katie Wright '10 of Mount Vernon, Iowa, traveled in France

A beautiful stereotype I found to be true when I went to Paris was the way in which Parisians show love. Everywhere you look there is someone kissing or embracing. There is no care for whomever is around—who is gawking. It does not matter, because you look at the two people embracing and you are able to see all the truly matters to them at that moment in time is the person they are holding. In America we look down open displays of affection—say there is a time and place for those things. If you love someone, is there really any better time to show them than that moment when they are holding your hand, or wrapped in your arms? At first I was disgusted at these displays, but I learned there is no better time than the present to let anyone you love know that.

Italy-Venice

Faculty and Staff Choice

Matthew Ollendick '08 of Dyersville, Iowa, traveled in Italy

Matthew Ollendick '08 of Dyersville, Iowa, took this photo, while studying in Italy: Rain seems to run the show in Venice. Shops close their immaculate glass doors, while tourists and the few actual local residents trod through the rain trying to find shelter. What remains afterward can sometimes be a breathless breaking of the sun. The wispy clouds twist around the orange glow of the evening sun, darkening the city and silhouetting its skyline.

The Mystery of the Royal Palace

Student Choice

Erin Gustitus '08 of Albert Lea, Minn., traveled in Spain

This mysterious looking building is the Royal Palace in Madrid. Juan Carlos I is the reigning king of Spain and has been since Franco's death in 1975. But Spain is a democracy; what does a king do in a democracy? Spain has a president, two legislative houses and a judicial branch. … The real importance of King Juan is to serve as an essential symbol of the country's unity. The king's position will be maintained to serve as an iconic reminder of Spain's freedom and growth from (40) years under Franco's authoritarian regime.

COMMISSION ON MISSION

asks for input from Wartburg constituents

Wartburg College's Commitment to Living Out its Mission

by Karris Golden '98

The college launched "Commission on Mission: Wartburg College's Commitment to Living Out its Mission" in October 2007, an initiative focused on discussion of the four key concepts embodied in the mission statement—leadership, service, faith and learning.

This three-year strategic planning initiative will provide a collaborative process for all Wartburg constituents to consider the fundamental concepts embodied in Wartburg's mission of "challenging students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning."

"Our mission is the cornerstone of all we do. If the college remains true to its mission, the evidence will be found in the lives of its 18,000-strong-and-growing alumni base living around the world," said President Jack R. Ohle.

"Preparing students for 'lives of leadership and service' means preparing alumni to go on to positively impact their families, workplaces, children's schools, places of worship and broader communities as a 'spirited expression of their faith and learning.'"

Commission on Mission is focused on considering the ways in which these missional concepts impact the broader college community and are evidenced in the lives of its graduates, Ohle added.

"As a Wartburg faculty member and alumna, I am pleased that Wartburg College's next strategic plan will be based on the College's mission; that the College will be focused on living out its mission. I am privileged to serve on the Commission on Mission Service Task Force. Service is an integral component of today's Wartburg education. Wartburg was founded to provide the service professions of ministry and teaching, and added social work before most undergraduate institutions."

– Dr. Susan Koché Vallem '66 of Waverly, Iowa, professor of social work and chair of the social work department, who was appointed to the Service Task Force by the Board of Regents

"The commission process is arguably as significant as the college itself," he explained. "Wartburg readily attributes its success to knowing who it is, where it came from and where it is going. Commission on Mission will build on those strengths and positively impact the college for years to come. The Board of Regents initiated this project and appointed faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends to serve on four task forces and lead the process."

Sixty individuals were asked to serve on the task forces, each devoted to one of the missional concepts. A member of the Board of Regents and a faculty member serve as co-chairs of each group, with six faculty members, three alumni, two staff members and one student rounding out each task force.

Board of Regents member Mike McCoy, Elison Bay, Wis., retired vice president and Hormel Foods chief financial officer, serves as Commission on Mission national chairperson.

Project co-directors are Janeen Stewart, assistant to the president, and Dr. Lake Lambert III, associate professor of religion, director of the Wartburg Center for Community Engagement and Board of Regents Chair in Ethics.

Each Commission Wartburg task force will receive and review

"Spending a day talking about Wartburg's commitment to living out its mission was invigorating for the alums who met in Des Moines. It's clear that the college is doing an exceptional job of anticipating change and celebrating its successes. It also seemed clear, based on this one-day experience, that there are many places where alumni can help the college, today's students and fellow alums even more than we do. Should we create an alumni service council? Should we offer leadership or continued learning opportunities at Homecoming? Those were a couple of the intriguing ideas that we heard."

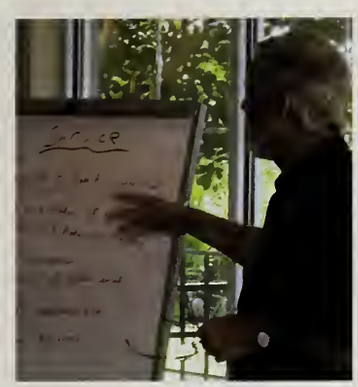
– Randy Brubaker '80 of Johnston, Iowa, managing editor of the *Des Moines Register*, who attended the Des Moines summit meeting

"Not many institutions are taking the time and devoting serious attention to their mission. We have a model that will bear fruit. The Wartburg mission has been consistent over the years but has demonstrated its adaptability in changing circumstances. The core of what the college is has been evident; but students now experience it in changing contexts."

– The Rev. Dr. Darold Beekmann, Board of Regents member and retired pastor from St. Louis Park, Minn., speaking at the Minnesota

Commission on Mission Timeline

Launch Commission on Mission	Task Forces meet	National Summit Meetings	Task Forces host symposia
October 2007	Fall 2007-Spring 2009	Winter 2007-Spring 2008	Fall 2008-Spring 2009



At the national summit meeting in Florida, Board of Regents member Mark Baldwin reviews the discussion points related to the missional concept of service.

the comments from the national summit meetings. Each will plan a symposium related to its specific missional concept and prepare material for a publication.

Finally, each task force will make recommendations to the Board of Regents regarding integration of its specific missional concept. The Board of Regents will receive the task force recommendations, determine appropriate actions and make referrals for implementation.

Commission on Mission marks the second time the college has used a constituent-based strategic planning model, which Ohle developed and implemented at institutions he served at prior to being named Wartburg president.

Wartburg's first use of the model was "Commission Wartburg: Identifying Strategies for

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Faith Task Force

Co-chair: the Rev. Dr. Steven Ullestad '75, Cedar Falls, Iowa, bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Waverly

Co-chair: the Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, professor of religion and chair of the religion and philosophy department

Dr. Cynthia Bane, associate professor of psychology

Dr. Daniel Black, professor of physical science and engineering science

Dr. Karen Black, professor of music, chair of music department and college organist

Dr. Rebecca Blair, professor-in-residence of liberal studies

Dr. Caroline Boehnke-Becker '83, Cumming, Iowa, pastor of adult ministries at Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines

Andrew Carlson '10, Sioux Center, Iowa, biology major (pre-medicine)

Dr. William Earl, Waverly, associate professor of communication arts

Karris Golden '98, assistant director of communication and marketing/news director, *Wartburg Magazine* editor and lecturer in communication arts and inquiry studies

Dennis Haugen '75, development officer

Steven Johnson, assistant professor of physical education, head cross country coach and assistant track and field coach

The Rev. Brian King '92, Iowa Falls, Iowa, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church

The Rev. Rachel Mithelman '77, Des Moines, Iowa, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church

Facilitator: Dr. Edith Waldstein '73, vice president for enrollment management

Service Task Force

Co-chair: Liz Mathis, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, vice president of community relations at Horizons

Co-chair: Dr. Roy Ventullo, professor of biology, Burk-Will Chair in Biology and director of undergraduate research

Dr. Jane Andrews, professor of music

Jeff Beck '01, interim director of alumni and parent programs

Timothy Ewest, assistant professor of business administration

Dr. Johanna Foster, associate professor of biology

Corrine Heine '79, Bloomington, Minn., attorney with Kennedy & Graven Charter in Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. Sonja Lynch, associate professor of English

Dr. Neil Martinsen-Burrell, assistant professor of mathematics

Robert Miller '67, retired vice president of Federated Mutual Insurance Co.

Nikki Newbrough '10, Montour, Iowa, communication arts major

Mark Rolinger '88, Cedar Falls, Iowa, attorney/partner with Redfern, Mason, Dieter, Larsen & Moore

Dr. Susan Kosché Vallem '66, professor of social work and chair of the social work department

John Wuertz '73, director of the Wartburg physical plant

Facilitator: Dr. Deborah Loers, vice president for student life and dean of students

Leadership Task Force

Co-chair: Mark Baldwin, Cedar Falls, Iowa, president of Iowa Laser Technology

Co-chair: Dr. Fred Waldstein '74, professor of political science, Burling Chair in Leadership and director of Institute for Leadership Education

Dr. Mariah Birgen, associate professor of mathematics

William Bleckwehl '77, Northfield, Minn., client executive for MSI System Integrators of Bloomington

The Rev. Ramona Bouzard, director of church relations and associate in campus ministry

Dr. Scott Fullwiler, associate professor of economics and James Leach Chair in Banking and Monetary Economics

Steve Kruger '79, Shoreview, Minn., attorney with Best & Flanagan, LLP of Minneapolis

Dr. Erika Lindgren, assistant professor of history

Marjorie O'Konski, assistant professor of music therapy

Dr. Lynn Olson, professor of mathematics, computer science and physics and chair of the mathematics, computer science and physics department

Jeff Plagge, Ankeny, Iowa, chairman, chief executive officer and president of Midwest Heritage Bank of Des Moines

Rick Willis, director of athletics

Thomas Wininger '10, Auburn, Neb., biology major (pre-medicine)

Dr. William Withers, associate professor of communication arts, Grant L. Price Chair in Communication Arts (department chair) and assistant director of Institute for Leadership Education

Facilitator: Gary Grace, vice president for administration

Learning Task Force

Co-chair: Rachel Riensche '80, Edina, Minn., attorney for Minnesota Public Radio, St. Paul, Minn.

Co-chair: Dr. Fred Ribich, professor of psychology and director of institutional research

Dr. Benjamin Bousquet, assistant professor of physics

Dr. M. Susan Cigelman '75, Des Moines, Iowa, vice president and academic dean of College of Business at American Institute of Business

Courtney Ihnen '11, West Des Moines, Iowa, music therapy/music education major

Karen Lehmann, information literacy librarian and interim director of Vogel Library

Krystal Madlock, director of student diversity programs

Dr. David McCullough, associate professor of biology

Dr. Penni Pier, associate professor of communication arts

Dr. Greg Scholtz, professor of English

William Soesbe, Sumner, Iowa, school partnerships coordinator

Dr. Eric Wachmann, professor of music

Dr. Jeffrey Walczyk '83, Bettendorf, Iowa, physician at Family Health Partners of Quad Cities in Davenport

Dr. Lawrence Wick '61, Chicago, Ill., retired pastor

Facilitator: Dr. Ferol Menzel, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty

Task Forces finalize recommendations and publications
Summer 2009

Board of Regents receives Task Force recommendations
October 2009

Board of Regents prioritizes Task Force recommendations
February 2010

Board of Regents presents final Commission on Mission report
October 2010

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the Future, Enlightened by a Rich Heritage," it launched in April 1999 by the Board of Regents. It was singled out for a case study in 2003 by Harvard University's Graduate School for Education because of its unique, constituent-based focus. By its conclusion in October 2007, Commission Wartburg resulted in 266 "Priorities for the Future," 97 percent of which have been completed. Those recommendations were the basis for Campaign Wartburg, which exceeded its $88 million goal, raising more than $90 million for the college's endowment, facilities, special projects and Annual Fund.

Golden edits *Wartburg Magazine*.

Attendees at the national summit meeting in Arizona participate in general discussion during a reporting-out session.

VIEWPOINT FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Mike McCoy
National Chair of Commission on Mission
Homes: Elison Bay, Wis./Fort Myers, Fla.
Hometown: Elison Bay, Wis.
Family: wife, Marge; son, Matthew McCoy '93; daughter Michelle McCoy Thompson '97
Profession: Retired CFO and vice president of Hormel Foods Corp.
Education: graduate, Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa

Commission on Mission is an important next step
If we can get the input we desire from the main sectors of the college (current students, alumni, faculty and staff), it will aid in the short- and long-term growth of Wartburg. The intent and purpose of the national college summits is to inform Wartburg's strategic plan. We will develop the plan from that input.

Commission Wartburg addressed significant results in fundraising. With much of $90 million raised through Campaign Wartburg devoted to infrastructure, several goals were achieved. Now it's time to sit down and continue to define a strategic direction. That's the exciting part.

Serving Wartburg's constituents
Our missional conceptions—mission, service, faith and learning—are rooted in Wartburg's constituents. Students, alumni, faculty and staff have each been and will continue to be part of those concepts.They will drive this as we go forward. We need that to define our future direction. We are a college of the church, and we can't lose sight of our mission. If we lose that, it won't help in the future.

Commission is a personal investment
Part of what makes Commission on Mission so exciting for me are the national summit meetings. Some of the friends of the college and alumni who haven't been back in 20 to 30 years are saying they are amazed at what is being done on the college campus already. We've been listening to their ideas and the challenges they faced, and to some extent we're still facing some of those challenges today.

A sidelight to this for me is that it's been neat to hear so many stories. Everyone I've talked with has always had a story about a professor, a staff person or someone on campus who made a significant impact on their lives. From my standpoint, those stories are important as we head into the Commission on Mission. If we can keep people focusing on those type of things, the sky is the limit.

In Memoriam

1937
JEAN LOLLICH WARNER, Clinton, Iowa, died Oct. 21. She received a B.A. in 1938 from Cornell College and an M.A. in 1945 from Columbia University, New York City. She taught elementary school in Mount Vernon, Lyons and Clinton before marrying in 1959.

1938
ELMER A. KASTNER, McIntosh, Minn., died May 24. He taught in South Dakota and Minnesota before serving in the U.S. Army during the Philippine Islands Campaign and the Occupation of Japan. He resumed teaching and went on to serve as principal, then superintendent of schools in Minnesota.

1942
JOYCE KNABE DYSLIN, Andover, Minn., died July 30. She was employed at various Jackson-area businesses.

1943
GERHARD S. REINTS, Alexandria, Minn., died Sept. 26. He served in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific and worked for Gambles-Skogmo Hardware in South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Montana and Minnesota.

1944
BERNARD A. NELSON, Oelwein, Iowa, died Oct. 28. He served in the Air Transport Command with Eastern Airlines and in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He later served in the U.S. Army in Korea. For more than 40 years, he worked for Interstate Power Company, retiring in 1986 as operation manager. He was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church, serving as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and on various committees. He was also active in the community, volunteering for South Fayette Red Cross, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

1945
BETH BECK BAHLMANN, Charles City, Iowa, died June 23. She taught in Floyd County and later worked in the hot lunch program for the Nashua schools. She was active in the women's circle at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and was a former member of the Rural Teachers Association.

1946
MELVIN H. SCHULENBURG, Reedsburg, Wis., died May 16, 2006. He was a retired milk hauler for the Grande Cheese Company.

1948
DONALD O. BLOEDOW, Bloomington, Minn., died Oct. 21, 2006.

1949
CATHERINE GERDES DIRKS, Albert, Kan., died March 13. A homemaker and retired parish worker, she served as assistant organist, secretary of the women's association and delegate to several church conventions.

1951
The **REV. DR. CLARENCE L. BRUNINGA**, New London, Conn., died Nov. 15. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, he served as chaplain at Elgin (Ill.,) State Hospital, where he educated clergy on the emotional problems of parishioners. After completing his master's and doctorate degrees, he served at Norwich State Hospital. He later served as director of the alcoholism unit and developed treatment programs. In 1983, he retired from ministry and established CB Builders, Inc. For 15 years, he served on the Builders Association of Eastern Connecticut board and twice received the Builder of the Year destinction. He was the first recipient of the Clarence Bruninga Housing Hall of Fame Award.

1955
MERWYN H. KNAKE, New Braunfels, Texas, died Aug. 4. He was a World War II veteran.

1956
GLENNICE RADLOFF CARD, Knoxville, Iowa, died Sept. 6. She received an A.A. degree from Wartburg, where she met her husband, Giles Card '57; he preceded her in death in March. Glennice retired from teaching in 2000 after 35 years with the Knoxville School District.

1961
MAXINE CODNER POPPEN, Allison, Iowa, died Nov. 5. She received a two-year certificate in elementary education from Iowa State Teachers College. She received an M.A. degree in 1971 from University of Northern Iowa. She taught for 32 years before working at the Allison Hardware Store for 18 years.

1962
FRANK HUDSON, Phoenix, Ariz., died Nov. 11. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a teacher and HAM Radio operator. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Krug Hudson '53.

1967
RODGER N. HAYNES, Gothenburg, Neb., died Jan. 20. Prior to becoming a farmer in 1971, he worked for a veterinary clinic.

CONNIE KLASSEN AMENELL, Montrose, Iowa, died Nov. 13. She was secretary at Santa Fe United Methodist Church and was a member of Victory Faith Community Church. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Amenell '66.

1968
GAIL SCHMITENDORF THOMPSON, Hampshire, Ill., died Sept. 10. She was a kindergarten teacher at Hampshire Elementary School for 33 years.

1971
RAY JENSEN, Fontanelle, Iowa, died Sept. 18. He worked for Farmer's Co-op for more than 30 years as assistant manager and was farm manager at the Henry A. Wallace Country Life Center for six years. He served on the school board and Farm Bureau board.

1974
ELSIE SCHIEFER BACHMAN, Bloomington, Minn., died Nov. 30. She was first lady of Wartburg during the 10 years her late husband, Dr. John W. Bachman, was president. The college's Bachman Fine Arts Center is named in their honor. She typed and proofread four of her husband's books.

SUSAN HOTH, La Crosse, Wis., died Sept. 4. She was employed by Northern Engraving (Waukon, Iowa,) Ertle Toy Company (Dyersville, Iowa) and Duratech in La Crosse.

1983
DENNIS E. BENDA, Dubuque, Iowa, died Sept. 30. He attended Wartburg and University of Iowa before receiving a degree in journalism from University of Missouri at Columbia. For 30 years, he was a controller for the the Finley Hospital. He also served as a mentor in the Dubuque Community School System and as treasurer of the Senior Rams Booster Club.

1987
SUE ROONEY ECKENROD, Mason City, Iowa, died Oct. 26. She was an accountant at Turner & Renner, a business manager at Anco, Inc. , and a business manager for Newman Catholic Schools.

1991
RICHARD E. BROWN, Waterloo, Iowa, died Dec. 8. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and worked at John Deere as an engineering analyst.

1993
SGT. LARRY CARLSON, Fairbanks, Alaska, died Nov. 19, 2006. He was a career soldier, serving the U.S. Marines in Hawaii, the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C., and the Alaska Stryker unit at Fort Wainwright, Ala.

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Iowans, show your pride with a Wartburg license plate. Anyone who resides in Iowa can order the plates for motor vehicles, travel trailers and trailers. The cost is $25 for numbered plates and $50 for personalized plates. Plates will go into production after the Alumni and Parent Programs Office receives 500 requests.

www.wartburg.edu/alumni/license

Help us reach our goal of 40 percent alumni giving this year and make your year-end gift to the Annual Fund.

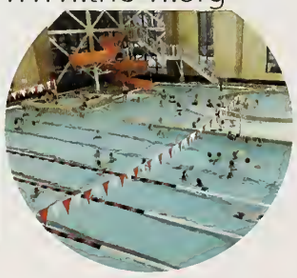
www.wartburg.edu/devoffice

New address, spouse, bambino or gig? Update your personal information, ask a question or find ways to help Wartburg.

www.wartburg.edu/alumni/update

Check out what's going on at The W at

www.the-w.org



news

Track the missionary work of Latreia at the Web site of Stephanie Fisk '04.

stephaniefisk.theworldrace.org

Do you know a high school student interested in attending Wartburg? Direct him or her to

www.wartburg.edu/admissions

Keep up with wartburg athletics at

www.go-knights.net

Keep up with students completing service trips and studying abroad; the Wartburg Choir's May Term tour of Europe and South Africa; and the Castle Singers and Wind Ensemble as they tour throughout the United States by logging on at

www.wartburg.edu/news

If you're interested in working at Wartburg College, check out the current faculty and staff openings at

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Oct. 16-19

Homecoming 2008

Outfly

Chicago, Ill. – mid-April
Quad Cities – June 16
Cedar Rapids, Iowa – June 17
Door County, Wis. – June 22
Twin Cities, Minn. – June 25
Rochester, Minn. – June 26
Dubuque, Iowa – Aug. 11
Schaumburg, Ill. – Aug. 12
Des Moines, Iowa – Aug. 14
Cedar Valley (Waverly, Iowa) – Aug. 19

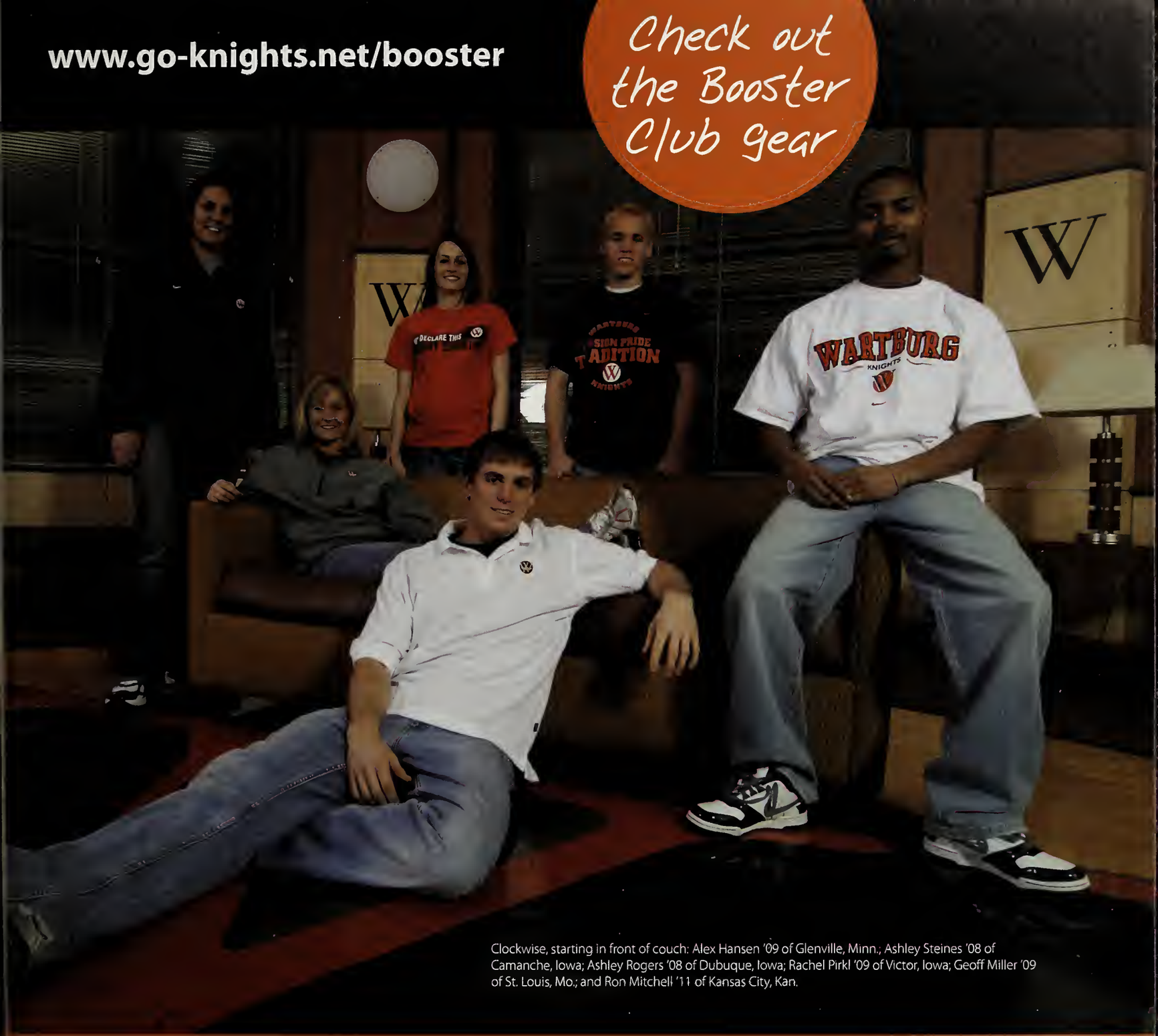
www.wartburg.edu/alumni/outfly

Commencement Ceremony 2008

The 156th annual Wartburg College Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for May 25. Watch www.wartburg.edu for details.

www.go-knights.net/booster

Check out the Booster Club gear



Clockwise, starting in front of couch: Alex Hansen '09 of Glenville, Minn.; Ashley Steines '08 of Camanche, Iowa; Ashley Rogers '08 of Dubuque, Iowa; Rachel Pirkl '09 of Victor, Iowa; Geoff Miller '09 of St. Louis, Mo.; and Ron Mitchell '11 of Kansas City, Kan.

Show your Knights spirit

Limited time offer

The Wartburg College Athletic Booster Club, in conjunction with Impact Sports, offers a wide variety of pullovers, polo shirts and all things Knights Athletics for fans of all ages. Replica football jerseys, long- and short-sleeve T-shirts and other items are also available.

Check out the Booster Club gear at
www.go-knights.net/booster

Dress yourself in orange and black for the remainder of the 2007-08 season and beyond!

Face of Mexico

Chelsea Jensen '10 of Ames, Iowa, took this photo during a May Term trip to Mexico. While walking with classmates in Zocalo of Mexico City near the "corner of three cultures," she snapped this photo, thinking at the time, "This is the face of Mexico. … There was so much activity, and it was enthralling."

Do you have an interesting photo or original artwork to share on the magazine's back cover?
Submit your photo or artwork and a description of it by e-mailing karris.golden@wartburg.edu. Call 319-352-8277 with questions.

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